

Attempt to kill Lahad thwarted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four Shi'ites who tried to assassinate South Lebanon Army commander General Antoine Lahad were caught by an Israel Defence Forces unit after a chase on Wednesday, it was revealed yesterday.

The four, two men from the Shi'ite village al-Hiyam and two women from Beirut, admitted under investigation to belonging to the Shi'ite organization Amal, and are believed to be responsible for a number of recent attacks against the SLA in the Marjayoun region.

The four were caught after Christian residents of Marjayoun noticed a suspicious vehicle not far from Lahad's Marjayoun headquarters—a station wagon with its engine running and its driver leaning over a strange object. Another man and two women were also seen in the car. The residents called security forces to the area.

It later turned out the driver was placing a beeper on explosives, packed into a 155mm shell. The explosives were to be set off by a radio-cast beeper signal.

When security forces arrived at the site the vehicle was already gone. The charge, which had been buried in sand, was dismantled safely by Engineer Corps men and roadblocks were set up to catch the escaping vehicle.

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A memorial service was held yesterday at Tel Nof to honour the 1,200 paratroopers who have fallen in action, including 99 who were killed in Lebanon. Among those attending the ceremony were (left to right): Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, OC Infantry Corps Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai, Health Minister and former OC Paratroops Corps Mordechai Gur, Ariel Sharon's wife Lily and Industry Minister and former OC Paratroops Corps Sharon, and IDF Chief Chaplain Gad Navon.

Talks on Lebanon pullback are underway, Rabin says

Israel will strive to ensure the safety of its northern settlements without necessitating the continued presence of Israeli troops in South Lebanon, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

Speaking at a memorial service for fallen paratroopers, Rabin said that negotiations aimed at achieving this goal have begun.

Rabin said that the Israel Defence Forces must continue to strengthen itself with the most modern weaponry. He asserted that the better the IDF is prepared for the next war, the better the chances of reaching peace with our neighbours.

The enemy must know that while Israel ardently desires peace, the IDF will be victorious if it is forced to go to war. "The IDF is the key to peace, and only when our enemies realize that they will never win a war will they seek peace," Rabin told the gathering of bereaved families.

The ceremony, held at the monument to fallen paratroopers at Tel Nof in the South, opened with the lighting of a memorial torch, and the recitation of Kaddish by a bereaved father.

Speaking on behalf of the bereaved families, Yosef Shani said that their fallen sons exemplified Zionist values by volunteering to serve in Paratroop Corps. He called on all Israelis to come together and work towards correcting social injustices. He also wished the national unity government success in achieving full economic independence.

"We are willing to set an example, just as our sons did," Shani said. (Ium)

Fatah says it bombed Israel's embassy

NICOSIA (AP). — The leader of the dissident pro-Syrian faction of the Palestinian terrorist group Fatah claimed responsibility yesterday for a bomb explosion in the parking lot of a building housing the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia earlier in the day.

A communiqué issued in Damascus by Colonel Saeed Musa, code-named Abu Musa, head of the group opposed to PLO chief Yasser Arafat, said that "one of our units, operating abroad blew up the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia, this noon."

The communiqué pledged the group would continue striking "against Israeli targets wherever they may be."

A bomb-laden automobile exploded in the parking space of the embassy building causing considerable confusion but little damage, according to police statements.

One person in a ground floor shop of the building was slightly injured.

Police sources said one Arab was detained for questioning and another, an Algerian who hired the automobile from a local car-hire firm (Continued on Back Page)

On eve of Washington trip Peres still undecided what to ask of Reagan

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

On the eve of Prime Minister Shimon Peres's visit to the U.S. intensive contacts are still proceeding in Jerusalem and in Washington, to determine what Israeli economic requests might realistically be obtainable.

Peres will walk a delicate path. He does not wish, as he says, "to come cap-in-hand," but at the same time he wishes to spell out frankly Israel's grave needs — yet not appear greedy or overreaching.

The director-general of the Foreign Ministry, David Kimche, had a long meeting in Jerusalem yesterday with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, while in Washington Kimche's deputy, Hanan Baron, held similar exploratory-preparatory meetings with high American officials.

It is on the basis of such meetings that Peres will make his final decisions regarding what to say — and especially what to ask for.

The premier spent yesterday reviewing ideas, first at a special pre-visit cabinet session, and later in smaller consultations with economic ministers and aides. Among the ideas under consideration are:

- To seek an increase in military aid, from \$1.4 billion a year to \$2b. from fiscal 1986, with a larger portion of the money to be spent here in Israel.
- To seek an increase in economic aid from fiscal 1986, from \$1.2b. to \$1.6b.
- To seek a \$1b.-a-year loan for the next five years, specifically directed to enhancing Israel's industrial and technological infrastructure. Such a loan could conceivably come directly from the U.S. government, or from private banks in reliance on U.S. government guarantees.
- To seek a "standby fund" that would be set up by the U.S. in Israel's behalf and would serve as a surety for loans Israel could then obtain from commercial sources.
- To seek a one-time emergency loan, like the loan granted Israel soon after the 1973 Yom Kippur War. This could be granted without recourse to Congress (which is adjourned until February).
- To seek payment of the entire fiscal 1985 economic-aid package — \$1.2b. — immediately. Israeli officials expect this request to be acceded to without difficulty.
- At the cabinet yesterday, Peres stressed that he would ask the U.S. government, and also private (especially Jewish) supporters, to invest in the future of Israel's industry — not to help Israel overcome its present problems, which is Israel's own onerous task. American aid, he said, should go towards ensuring Israel's security and assisting the growth and expansion of its economy once the present crisis was brought under control.

On the foreign-policy aspects of his trip, Peres must also tread warily, given the composition of his unity government. The premier pledged yesterday that even if the Reagan Plan is raised, he will say he must refer back to the cabinet, where any American proposals will naturally be weighed with due seriousness.

On settlements, if they come up, he will say that Israel must make its decisions by itself, and not be dictated to from without. "It is no secret that this matter is in dispute around this table," Peres told the ministers. "But we will decide it by ourselves."

Peres's assessment, however, is that the Reagan Plan and the West Bank issue in general are not likely to be high-priority items on his Washington agenda. This is because of America's keen disappointment (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Kreisky meets Jibril, asks to see PoWs

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

Former Austrian chancellor Bruno Kreisky last night asked terrorist leader Ahmed Jibril to let him meet the three Israeli prisoners held by the PLO organization, Kol Yisrael said last night.

The reported meeting between Kreisky and Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, took place in Damascus, in the presence of Herbert Amry, Austria's ambassador to Greece and key negotiator in previous prisoner exchanges between Israel and terrorist organizations.

Kreisky arrived in Damascus on Wednesday, and met with President Hafez Assad. Kreisky was instrumental in the release earlier this year of six other Israeli soldiers held by the PLO, and according to Palestinian sources in Damascus, was now seeking to secure the release of the three held by Jibril.

The Israelis held by Jibril are Yosef Groff, Nissim Salem and Hezi Shai. All three were shown by Jibril to a press conference in Damascus last July.

Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy told an Israel Television interviewer yesterday that "intensive" efforts were underway to secure the release of the three men held by Jibril, as well as that of Samir Rishon (Staff Sergeant) Samir Assad, held by Naif Hawatme's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine soldiers.

Levy said it is hard to measure progress in these matters, but he was confident that ultimately efforts to release the prisoners will succeed.

Murphy brought 8-point plan for pull-out, Berri confirms

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

Lebanese Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri was yesterday quoted as affirming that U.S. envoy Richard Murphy had presented an eight-point proposal for Israel's withdrawal from South Lebanon during visits to Beirut, Damascus and Jerusalem last month.

It was not clear from agency reports of Berri's interview in Beirut's leftist daily *a-Safir* yesterday whether the plan was in fact an American initiative, as described in the Beirut press at the time but subsequently denied by the State Department, or a presentation of

Berri's opening position by the U.S. envoy, as claimed by some Lebanese officials.

Berri was quoted as saying that the proposal contained some positive elements — Israel's agreement not to link its own withdrawal to that of Syria, and its willingness for an expanded Unifil role in South Lebanon. But others were "unacceptable," including any security role for the Israel-backed South Lebanese Army.

Meanwhile, Lebanese President Amin Jemayel yesterday dispatched two envoys to Damascus and Riyadh to discuss the withdrawal issue. His (Continued on Page 13)

Mubarak rejects Peres's call for summit meeting

CAIRO (AP). — President Hosni Mubarak has turned down an Israeli call for a summit with Prime Minister Shimon Peres because such a meeting would require "adequate" preparation to produce concrete results, a leading Cairo newspaper said yesterday.

The newspaper *al-Ahram's* explanation of why Mubarak turned down Peres's proposal was written by its political editor, Ibrahim Nafeh, an attribution that customarily indicates top-level sourcing.

Peres first disclosed Mubarak's rejection on Wednesday during a meeting with the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

"President Mubarak has declined to accept a suggestion by Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres that they meet now on the Egyptian-Israeli border," *al-Ahram* said.

It said Mubarak believes that such (Continued on Back Page)

U.S. diplomat Viets predicts 'social upheaval' in Israel

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — A senior State Department official has raised the possibility of "social upheaval" in Israel in the aftermath of the severe belt-tightening measures needed to cure its economy.

"They're headed for a very rough internal patch," Ambassador Richard Viets told *The Wall Street Journal*.

Viets, who has just returned to Washington after completing a term as ambassador to Jordan, had earlier served as the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv under Samuel Lewis.

"Very few people realize the kind of draconian measures that will be needed," he continued. "The types of measures that are coming will bite first and foremost at the very class of people that have supported the rightist and religious parties. They know how to act. There will be unemployment on a major scale. And as subsidies are cut back, there will be a surge of prices. That spells for me social upheaval."

Viets' comments were included in yesterday's lengthy front-page report in the newspaper headlined: "Israel's foreign debt and soaring inflation peril nation's security."

The report warned that unless Israel takes stronger remedial measures (Continued on Back Page)

More heat forecast for Yom Kippur

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Jews around the world will this evening launch the 25 hours of prayer, introspection and fasting of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year.

The heat wave is forecast to continue over the fast, the Meteorological Service said last night.

The fast begins in Jerusalem at 4:43 this afternoon and ends tomorrow with a blast of the ram's horn at 5:57 p.m. Although tonight is also Shabbat, Yom Kippur takes precedence over the usual Sabbath joy, the only fast that does so.

Schools and many government and private offices will be closed today and shops will close early to enable their employers to get home and eat their last meal before the fast.

City buses will begin their last runs today at 3 p.m. Most inter-urban buses will begin their last run of the day between 2 and 2.30 p.m., with runs on longer routes, such as those to Eilat, beginning earlier.

Many city and inter-urban bus lines which normally operate on Saturday evenings will not be running tomorrow evening, and people planning to travel tomorrow evening are advised to check at bus station information booths on which buses will be in operation.

Both city and inter-urban buses will begin operation at about 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The Magen David Adom spokesman has asked the public not to obstruct ambulance drivers in the performance of their duties on Yom Kippur.

In previous years, said the spokesman, some members of the public set up obstacles in the paths of ambulances or stoned ambulances as they passed by. The spokesman emphasized that these acts of hooliganism were not always perpetrated by the ultra-Orthodox, but often by bored youngsters as a "practical joke."

In South Lebanon, the Awali River crossing points and the border crossing to Israel will be closed over the holiday. Israeli troops in the area have been instructed to remain extremely alert to attempted attacks, particularly since Yom Kippur this year falls on October 6, the date the Yom Kippur War began. This is the first time the Jewish and Gregorian dates have coincided since 1973.

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EC said to be 'understanding' on import ban

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI

BONN. — The European Community is expected to protest against Israel's ban on imported luxury goods, although sources in Bonn said that no European sanctions against Israel are likely.

The sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the ban "does contradict the 1975 treaty between the European Community and Israel, but it is obviously an emergency measure."

The 1975 treaty allows for import curbs when balance-of-payment deficits demand it, but limits the duration of such a step to three months. It would not be expedient, however, the sources said, to take action against an Israeli action which is supposed to be terminated after half a year.

On the other hand, it was remarked, "the EC cannot refrain from any reaction, lest other countries think they may stop imports from Europe, too." Therefore a policy of protest without sanction seemed the most likely course for the EC.

In Jerusalem yesterday, Industry and Trade Ministry director-general Yehoshua Forer told commercial attaches of foreign embassies that the import ban is not designed to protect local industries, but solely to save foreign currency.

In separate meetings with the representatives of the EC and the U.S., Forer asked for their understanding for Israel's decision, which he said was dictated by an emergency situation.

Peres to raise issue of Soviet Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Peres promised former Soviet Jews last night that he would raise the worsened plight of Soviet Jews during his meetings with U.S. officials next week. He also said he would bring the subject of aliyah back to the high priority it deserves.

Peres met for 45 minutes with Avital Shcharansky, wife of Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shcharansky, Yosef Mendelovich, who spent nine years in Soviet prison camps; Yuri Stern; and two other former Soviet Jews. They gave him letters received recently from Soviet Jews, and Peres promised to bring them to U.S. officials.

Peres has asked Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tzur to prepare a special session of the cabinet to be devoted soon to the subject of Soviet Jewry.

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Haifa Port	52	20-33	34
Tiberias	56	18-30	31
Nazareth	65	19-32	33
Afula	65	19-32	31
Shimon	36	16-30	31
Tel Aviv	72	21-37	38
B-G Airport	56	20-39	30
Jericho	42	24-36	37
Gaza	77	21-37	38
Beersheba	33	18-32	33
Eilat	75	25-37	38

Officer hurt in Lebanon

METULLA (Itim). - An Israel Defence Forces Engineer Corps officer was wounded on Wednesday evening north of Jozayeh in South Lebanon.

The officer was wounded when a hand grenade exploded as he was investigating a large arms cache at the village outskirts.

The officer was transferred to an IDF clinic and then flown to a hospital in Israel.

Various militias and Palestinian terrorist organizations are known to have large hidden stores of weapons and ammunition in IDF-controlled territory in South Lebanon.

Talks fail to end cigarette strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Dubek cigarette company yesterday announced that it had stopped production of cigarettes until the conclusion of negotiations with the striking cigarette wholesalers and retailers, who are also blocking Dubek's two factories. The company produces almost all locally made cigarettes.

Ata to get cotton to keep producing

By DAVID RUDGE

HAIFA. - The Ata textile concern is to acquire enough cotton supplies to keep the firm's plants at Kiryat Ata and Kordach producing for seven working days. The *Jerusalem Post* was told yesterday.

Shaul Eisenberg, whose group of holding companies owns Ata, yesterday gave the go-ahead for the one-time purchase, according to Haifa Labour Council official Avraham Hametzi.

The entire work force will also take a week's leave for Succot, creating a two-week breathing space which workers hope will be sufficient to allow a long-term recovery plan to be worked out.

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HOME NEWS

Histadrut shops freeze price of imports

TEL AVIV. - The Histadrut marketing network decided yesterday to freeze the prices of all imported goods already in stock. The decision follows the government's decision this week to ban the importation of 50 consumer items and to impose a 40 per cent deposit on goods at sea.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the heads of all the concerns in the network. The meeting was convened by Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar in his capacity as chairman of Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut holding company.

Among the companies that will freeze the prices of imported goods in stock are the Tzarchaniyot chain of supermarkets, Tnuva, Hamashbir Leazar, Hypershuk and the Jerusalem and Haifa Consumers Cooperatives. Together they account for about one quarter of the marketing outlets in the country.

Shekem general-manager Yonatan Gur last night expressed approval of the Histadrut move.

By ROY ISACOWITZ

and said he would like to meet with officials of the Histadrut and of other marketing concerns to discuss price freezing and the promotion of local products.

Histadrut sources said last night that the prices of the goods would be frozen at yesterday's prices in shekels. The freeze has no time limit, meaning that losses due to the high inflation expected in the next few months will be absorbed by the stores.

In initiating the freeze, Kessar said that the Histadrut has to do its share in the national effort to heal the economy and to give an example to the public. "The Histadrut marketing network must be true to its social and moral calling and act as a pioneer in the field of fair and ethical commerce," he said.

The sources said that one of the aims of the move is to foster local manufacturing. "Even if some imported products are cheaper and of better quality, we will have to make do with what we have locally," one source said. It is unlikely that

the chains will import fresh stocks of the goods in question once the present stocks are sold out, they said.

The heads of the Histadrut concerns also decided that any price reductions and easier credit granted them by local suppliers and financial institutions will be passed on to the consumers. They resolved to keep a sharp watch on prices and to report any deviations to the Industry and Trade Ministry.

The participants in the meeting called on the country's other marketers to halt the "runaway prices" of recent weeks. They urged the public to work with the Histadrut's and other control bodies to ensure that price-gouging is reported to the authorities.

Kessar and Histadrut Consumer Protection Authority chairwoman Nuzhat Katzav will meet with Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon today to formulate plans for ensuring price control.

Still no resolution to tuition-fee dispute

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

A meeting in which Prime Minister Shimon Peres was to arbitrate in the Education Ministry's conflict with the Finance Ministry ended with no specific resolution last night, besides Peres' recommendation that Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon head a committee on the issue.

The Finance and Education Ministries have been disputing the size of the planned increase in tuition fees.

The committee is scheduled to meet early next week. Should it fail to arrive at an accord, the matter will

be referred to Peres on his return to Israel from the U.S. At yesterday's meeting in his office, Peres said that it was unacceptable that students be sacrificed.

At last night's meeting, attended by Treasury director-general Emmanuel Sharon, Professor Haim Harari, chairman of the budget and planning committee of the Council for Higher Education, and Yossi Sperling, head of the students union, Harari did not budge from the council's position that student loans must be raised in proportion to the increase in fees, although he agreed that it is necessary to raise tuition fees to \$1,200.

Authorities want government to share more in services

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. - The Knesset Finance Committee may recommend a revision of public services between the local authorities and the government, in view of the financial plight of the authorities, it was learned yesterday.

A delegation from the Union of Local Authorities, headed by chairman Pinhas Eylon, yesterday told the finance panel what he said were the causes of the authorities' problems, and asked the committee to find a solution to them once and for all.

Eylon said that the government's delay in transferring funds to the local authorities forces them to take dollar-linked bank loans and to get

even deeper in debt as a result. Several local authorities cannot pay their employees' wages and many are on the verge of collapse, he said.

Eylon urged the committee to recommend the adoption of the Sanbar committee's recommendations, which he said have been gathering dust in the Interior Ministry for the past three years.

The Sanbar committee, appointed by the government five years ago to help solve the local authorities' problems, recommended a revision of the services rendered by the authorities. Although these recommendations could solve the authorities' financial difficulties, Eylon said they have been ignored.

LAHAD

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However, when the vehicle was stopped after a chase, the two women seen by Marjayoun residents were not in it. Under investigation, the men admitted they had dropped the women at the Bateir-A-Shouf border crossing, some 30 kilometres north of Marjayoun. The women were caught at the border crossing that afternoon, while waiting in line

to cross into northern Lebanon.

Security forces clamped a curfew on al-Hiyam, a Shi'ite village a few kilometres north of Metulla, and conducted searches, during which several residents were arrested and arms were found.

The four terrorists caught by security forces admitted to attempting to assassinate Lahad.

PERES-REAGAN

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over King Hussein's headline speech earlier this week, in which he attacked both Israel and the U.S. and rejected Peres' offer of talks without preconditions.

Officials in Jerusalem say Peres should encounter warm support in Washington not only because of the imminent elections but also because of the stepped-up Soviet activism in the Middle East. They cite the Soviet arms talks with Jordan and with Kuwait, the intensified military supplies to Iraq and Syria, and the resumption of diplomatic ties with Egypt as factors that would tend to reinforce the U.S. administration's supportive concern for Israel's strength and wellbeing.

On Lebanon, Peres will clearly be looking for progress towards a withdrawal accord with Syria to be mediated by the U.S. Earlier hopes of a quick deal seem to have faded somewhat in the face of tough-sounding Syrian positions. But Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin believe the basic components of an agreement are available, and that dogged diplomatic efforts would produce results.

Peres had some low-key and avuncular comments at cabinet on the bitter public feuding between ministers, especially between Deputy Premier David Levy (Likud-

Herut) and Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i (Likud-Liberals). Without mentioning any names, the premier said all ministers ought to emerge from cabinet forums with a united front - once the internal arguments had been decided upon by majority vote. "I'm not upbraiding and accusing anyone," Peres noted. His words were received without comment.

Avi Temkin adds: Government officials explained last night to the *Jerusalem Post* that Peres will be seeking a long-term plan that will enable Israel to pay back its debts to the U.S. The prime minister will emphasize that any economic aid will be used only to repay debts and for defence purposes, but absolutely not for raising Israel's standard of living.

The officials said that there is some concern in Jerusalem that the Americans may consider the austerity measures implemented so far as insufficient and may ask for broader steps.

In his pre-visit briefings, Peres was advised to stress that Israel is paying back loans it took as a result of the costs incurred by the Camp David agreement. These costs should have been covered by outright grants, and not loans, the officials said. Now the situation must be remedied with U.S. help, they added.

5 seriously injured in head-on collision

BEERSHEBA. - Five people were seriously injured last night when a truck and a pick-up truck collided head on at about 10 p.m. on the Beersheba-Kiryat Gat road. The injured were taken to Soroka Hospital

in Beersheba.

According to the police, the pick-up truck, coming from Beersheba, suddenly swerved into the middle of the road and hit the truck coming toward it.



Prime Minister Peres chats with Segen David Shein, one of the five soldiers wounded in last week's crash of an Israeli Defence Forces helicopter, and his mother, at Hadassah Hospital. Ein Kerem yesterday. Peres took time out from his preparations for his U.S. visit to wish the five men a speedy recovery and hear them tell of the accident, in which five others were killed. (Dan Landau)

Glickstein: Russians were simply better on the day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's tennis squad returned home yesterday "disappointed but still very proud of their achievements" in the description of IFF chairman David Harik after the 3-2 defeat by the Soviet Union in the European zone final of the Davis Cup.

There was some comment about the highly partisan Russian crowd and the fact that the Soviet authorities had spitefully refused to allow the full delegation and supporters into the country was recalled with dismay. But the feeling was summed up philosophically by the country's No. 1 Shlomo Glickstein who took the line: "No excuses, really. The Russians played excellent tennis. On the day they were better on these court conditions."

Prior to the match Israel had com-

plained to the International Tennis Federation that the Russians had an "unfair advantage" in Donetsk because of Moscow's refusal to grant entry visas to some members of the delegation including American tennis psychologist Allen Fox. The London-based Federation, however, spurned the Israeli protest and in the end the Soviet hosting of the team complied fully with all Davis Cup rules, team members and officials reported.

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon sent the team a congratulatory telegram emphasizing that although naturally victory would have been sweeter, the country was justly proud of both their achievement in sporting achievements and ambassadorial talents displayed in the difficult circumstances.

Nablus security prisoners end 12-day hunger strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Inmates of the Jneid maximum security prison near Nablus called off their 12-day-long partial hunger strike late yesterday in response to a visit earlier this week by Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev.

Bar-Lev had said some of the prisoners' demands were justified, thus contradicting the Prison Service's initial dismissal of the affair. He nonetheless termed the hunger strike political.

Ziad Abu-Ziad, a Jerusalem advocate representing some of the inmates, said last night that he had visited the prison yesterday and heard from the prisoner's committee of their unanimous decision to end the strike.

The prisoners welcomed Bar-Lev's initiative in coming to the prison to see for himself as well as his attitude, Abu-Ziad said. They were also encouraged by the Prison Service's willingness to already accede to some of their demands, such as

the introduction of a radio, the supply of sheets and pyjamas, and preparations to improve conditions for visiting relatives.

Apparently unaware of the inmates' change of mind, merchants in East Jerusalem and in the Nablus market held a full commercial strike in support of their demands while family members continued to demonstrate outside the Red Cross offices in East Jerusalem and Gaza.

Meanwhile, the three-day curfew on the Dehaisa refugee camp near Bethlehem was lifted yesterday after security forces sealed seven foot-paths leading into the camp. The curfew was imposed after several rock-throwing attacks on Israeli traffic over the past week.

The paths are alleged to have been used by local youths who were able to flee into the narrow alleys after hurling stones at cars on the main road by the camp. They had been sealed for several months last year but were reopened after the number of such incidents decreased.

W. Germany closes its Prague embassy

BONN (Reuters). - The German Federal Republic has closed its embassy in Prague, where some 40 would-be East German refugees are awaiting permission to travel to the West, chief government spokesman Peter Boenisch said yesterday.

"Unfortunately, we had to close our embassy in Prague today. Its capacity is exhausted," Boenisch said in a television interview.

Asked if the decision to close the embassy was forced by the influx of

asylum-seekers, Boenisch replied: "Correct."

"East Germany has informed us that it is no longer prepared to guarantee exit permits to those who seek to obtain them by pressure," Boenisch said.

The interview was Bonn's first official acknowledgement that the embassy has been crowded for the past several days by East Germans who refuse to leave without obtaining permission from East Berlin to emigrate to the West.

Court hears of intent to strafe Temple Mount

The intention of the Jewish terrorist suspects on trial before the Jerusalem District Court to attack the Temple Mount from the air was confirmed in evidence heard yesterday.

Superintendent Isidor Slok, who headed the police investigation in the north, testified that defendant Ya'acov Heineman, an Israel Air Force pilot, said that he had been asked by other suspects whether it was possible to bomb the Temple Mount without harming the Western Wall, Heineman, according to Slok, said that it was impossible.

Heineman interjected at this point: "That's a lie."

Slok said that he had not kept a record of this conversation, which he termed "informal," but he conveyed the information to his commander and to an agent of the General Security Services.

Yesterday's hearings were a continuation of the mini-trial over the veracity and acceptability of the defendants' statements presented to the court.

Another police witness, Superintendent Samuel Sasson, said that Heineman's eldest brother, Ben-Zion, had been extremely angry and embittered at the way they were being questioned and had termed

the investigators "hangmen."

Chief Inspector Pinhas Selzer confirmed that the statements he took from some of the defendants were based on memorandums prepared by the GSS agents who had conducted the initial investigation and interrogation.

One of the main defendants, Shaul Nir, had also asked at one stage to speak to Ben-Zion Heineman to ask him how to explain his actions ideologically, Selzer said. In private conversations Nir spoke of the security situation in the area as a motivation, Selzer said.

Selzer confirmed that there was an "arrangement" between Nir and the GSS over what he was supposed to say in his statements and what would remain private, such as names.

This confirms initial reports that the defendants were willing to confess individually but would not, in their official statements, implicate their accomplices.

Rabbi Moshe Levinger of Hebron was among the visitors in yesterday's session, which saw families once again transferring large quantities of food to the defendants. Levinger talked to Nir at length outside the courtroom.

The trial is to resume on Sunday. (Itim)

Ministers huddle with Dulzin

By JUDY SIEGEL

Prime Minister Peres and four members of his cabinet yesterday met for an hour with Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin and treasurer Akiva Lewinsky. Although the meeting was announced to the press beforehand, it was a closed session and no one would comment about it.

With Peres were Ministers Yitzhak Moda'i, Ezer Weizman, Moshe Arens and Gad Ya'acobi.

The presence of the two economic ministers, Moda'i and Ya'acobi, created speculation that Peres wanted the Jewish Agency's help in getting increased financial support from Diaspora Jewry. The subject of Soviet

Jewry may also have been raised.

Asked last month whether the Jewish Agency would take over some government functions if the state could not pay for them, Dulzin said that the Agency had not been asked. If it were requested to do so, he added, "we would consider it," although legal problems regarding American tax-free contributions to the Jewish Agency would be involved.

The only statement to emanate from the Prime Minister's Office was that Peres will ask American Jews during his U.S. visit next week, to join in helping the Israeli economy through investment.

SLA seals off Nabatiya as feast of Ashura approaches

BEIRUT (Reuters). - The Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army yesterday blockaded Nabatiya, Lebanon's national news agency said last night.

It said the blockade was aimed at preventing armed men from entering the town, the main spiritual home of Lebanon's Shi'ites, before today's feast of Ashura, the Islamic counterpart of the Jewish Yom Kippur.

The agency said the ban on arms appeared to be aimed at members of Lebanese internal security forces rather than at citizens of the town.

Travellers from the south have recently reported Shi'ite feelings running high as the biggest feast in their calendar approaches.

Last year's Ashura celebrations in Nabatiya erupted in bloody clashes when Israeli troops fired on a religious procession by an estimated

50,000 people, killing one person and wounding nine.

In Beirut, Lebanon's main Shi'ite Muslim movement last night called on the Lebanese Army to maintain law and order and on its supporters to stick to religious celebrations for the Ashura feast.

The statement from the Amal movement, calling for a ban on demonstrations today, was the latest plea from Muslim leaders to end violence that has marred the 10-day mourning period before Ashura, plunging Muslim West Beirut into nightly lawlessness.

Nearly 200 women believed to be Shi'ite fundamentalists, wearing black veils and helped by gunmen, on Wednesday night rampaged through the bars and clubs of a former Beirut nightclub district, smashing bottles of alcoholic drinks and wrecking interiors.

Peres weighing 'gestures' towards Arabs in the areas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the Coordinator of Activities in the Territories Shmuel Goren earlier this week reviewed a series of possible goodwill gestures towards the Arab population in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District.

These "gestures," which range from a relaxation in censorship to the possibility of new municipal elections, could be presented to the U.S. administration if the issue is raised during the prime minister's talks in Washington next week.

US Secretary of State George Shultz has already expressed an interest in encouraging Palestinian capital investment and industrial development in the administered areas. The previous Israeli government effectively dismissed such ideas by its insistence on prior approval and control of all activity.

Peres has already apparently discussed the idea of allowing the revival of some Arab banking activity in the areas. Nearly all the activities of Arab banks were suspended following the June 1967 Six Day War.

Kahane petitions court over Taiba visit ban

Knesset Member Meir Kahane (Kach) yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to order the police minister and the police inspector-general to show cause why they should not rescind their decision to bar Kahane from visiting the Arab village of Taiba in the Triangle on Tuesday.

One tablespoon of Martlet's
cider vinegar with water is
an effective slimming aid.

Peres urged to seek
Mengele's arrest

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The director of the Nazi
Crimes Documentation Centre,
Tuvia Friedman, yesterday appealed
to Prime Minister Peres to raise the
possibility of arresting Nazi war criminal
Josef Mengele during Peres's
forthcoming visit to the U.S.
Friedman told a news conference
he was sure that the 73-year-old
Mengele is living under his own
name in Florida. "He could easily be
arrested if the U.S. administration
gives the order," Friedman said.
He proposed that after his arrest,
Mengele be put on trial in either
Israel or Germany. Friedman said he
had also appealed to the German
ambassador to initiate joint action
by his government and those of the
U.S. and Israel to catch Mengele and
bring him to trial. But he has received
no reply, Friedman said.
Germany does not wish to initiate
another Auschwitz trial in Germany,
because of the adverse publicity it
would arouse, and it would therefore
be proper for Mengele to be tried in
Israel, Friedman said.

Austrian minister
meets U.S. Jews

NEW YORK (AP). — A study completed
a month ago shows that 20 to
25 per cent of Austrians hold anti-
Semitic views, Austria's new foreign
minister, Leopold Gratz, said during
a meeting with three dozen American
Jewish leaders here on Wednesday.
Gratz said in a meeting billed as an
attempt to forge new relations with
Israel and the Jewish community
that his country would continue to
call for Israeli withdrawal "from
occupied territories" and for the
"establishment of a Palestinian
homeland."

Despite his self-described "blunt"
talk, Gratz received applause at the
end of the 75-minute meeting with 36
representatives from 24 Jewish organizations.

He said his country also supported
the right of Israel to exist within
secure borders, but acknowledged
that, "regarding the PLO, our positions
differ somewhat."

Gratz said he saw Austria's role in
the Middle East as that of "a glorified
mailman" carrying the views of
each side to the other.

He also discussed his country's
efforts to help Soviet Jews emigrate,
calling Austria the "first stop on the
receiving line for Russian Jews who
want to come out."

Non-Jewish soldiers
to receive citations

HAIFA (Itim). — Several dozen
Druse, Circassians and Beduin who
voluntarily served with the Israel
Defence Forces during the early
years of the state will be awarded
citations of merit later this month.

Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf
Moshe Levy will present the awards
at a ceremony at Kibbutz Yagur,
organized by the Movement for a
Good Israel.

Top American military official reveals:
U.S., Israel may stage dogfights

By WOLF BLITZER
WASHINGTON. — The chief
American representative in the
U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation
committee has publicly raised the possibility
that the two countries will conduct
joint aerial "dogfight" training
exercises.

"We are not in the business of
developing war plans between the
U.S. and Israel," said Lieutenant-
General John Chain, the director of
the State Department's political-
military affairs bureau and the head
of the U.S.-Israeli political-military
planning committee. "But the Israeli
Air Force might get valuable training
by dogfighting with our navy; the
navy might make mock attacks
against Israeli. Both sides then
could get military training that could
be used in other scenarios."

Chain, who succeeded Rear
Admiral Jonathan Howe in the key
post, was interviewed in *Defence*
Week, a respected military-affairs
journal published in Washington.

His on-the-record comments included
some of the most specific details
made public by an American official
on the U.S. interpretation of the
recently enhanced strategic
cooperation arrangement with Israel.

Chain, a former fighter pilot with
4,000 flying hours and 66 parachute
jumps, many during the war in Vietnam,
participated in the last full-
scale plenary session of the strategic
talks with Israel in June. At that
time, Howe still headed the U.S.
delegation.

The dialogue, the mutual
warmth, the friendly relations and
the substantial discussions indicate
that both countries are recognizing
their limitations and how far they
want to go in a relationship," he
said. "It must serve both countries."

The joint committee was estab-

lished in November 1983 by President
Ronald Reagan and then Prime
Minister Yitzhak Shamir. It has been
charged with organizing joint military
maneuvers, pre-positioning U.S.
military equipment in Israel, and
joint military planning.

The Reagan administration has
focused the talks on the broader
Soviet threat to the region. Israel has
sought to include the threat from
hostile Arab states, although
Washington has been reluctant to
include that possibility out of fear of
upsetting its friends in the Arab
world.

Asked whether more joint exercises
were planned beyond the
military-evacuation maneuver earlier
this year, Chain replied: "As time
progresses other things will be
arranged. But both sides want to go
slowly."

"The U.S. obviously has a macro
interest, rather than a bilateral
interest, in that part of the world and
we don't want to do something with
one country that will upset another
with Egypt, that upsets Saudi Arabia,
for example, or with Saudi Arabia
that upsets Jordan."

"The same thing goes for the
Israelis. They have to be careful that
whatever they do doesn't upset their
Arab neighbours as they try to establish
themselves in a peaceful situation.
They don't want to create more
animosity than already exists there.
Both sides are moving very prudently,
maturely. We are trying to avoid
any political fallout upon either
side."

Israeli officials this week said that
Prime Minister Shimon Peres and
Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin are
likely to urge the administration to
redirect the thrust of the cooperation
strictly away from the Soviet Union.
Israel's Labour leaders are said to
fear antagonizing the Soviet Union

too much.

In this regard, Soviet diplomats in
Washington have lately gone out of
their way to welcome the recent
comments by Chief of General Staff
Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy to the effect
that Israel does not regard the Soviet
Union as an enemy. Levy made
those comments during his U.S. visit
last month.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei
Gromyko made a point of con-
demning U.S.-Israeli strategic coop-
eration during his UN General
Assembly speech last week.

Chain was non-committal when
asked whether the joint committee
was discussing the possibility of the
Israel Air Force's joining the U.S.
navy in training to establish sea control
in the Eastern Mediterranean.

"Yes and no," Chain responded
to that question. "There would be no
exercises with the objective of preparing
for sea control in the Eastern
Mediterranean. That would be way
beyond the talks. I don't think we
are going to get into exercises that
have real-world contingency plans."

But he still acknowledged that the
joint exercises, including dogfights,
would have specific benefits for both
countries during times of emergency.

"We train in the U.S. all the time
for real-world contingencies some-
where else in the world," he said.
"Where one train and how one
train doesn't mean that you necessarily
are preparing to be able to execute
a particular plan. Those are
two separate categories."

Chain's bureau at the State Department
is largely responsible for clearing
U.S. arms sales to foreign countries.
In that connection, he strongly
defended additional weapons sales
to Saudi Arabia, including Stinger surface-to-air mis-

Maya, at 12,
makes debut
in London

By HYAM CORNEY

LONDON. — IF THE APPLAUSE which pianist
Maya Weisman received after her
performance at the Royal Festival
Hall last night was as warm and
enthusiastic as that given at rehearsal
on Wednesday by members of the
London Philharmonic orchestra, the
12-year-old Jerusalem prodigy will
have achieved a marked success.

Last night, she was to play Mendelssohn's G Minor Piano Concerto
before an audience of over 2,000
people. The rehearsal was watched
by a handful, mainly relatives and
friends. And after the run-through,
which she did without the aid of a
score, the 80 members of the orchestra
were as united in their applause
as they had been while accompanying
her through the 23-minute practice.

Klaus Tennstedt, the orchestra's
German conductor who heard Maya
playing in Tel Aviv 18 months ago
and promptly invited her to perform
with the orchestra, was ecstatic:
"Fantastic, unbelievable," he en-
thusiased. "It was the first time she has
ever played with an orchestra," he
told me.

Tennstedt described her as "a special
talent." He had no fears about
how she would perform and no
doubts that she would become "a big
star."

Maya herself, in jeans and with
the sleeves of her pink cardigan
rolled up, exuded confidence, de-
spite one or two stops to polish up
some minor points. Later, she told me
that she had felt a little nervous before
she began but once she started playing,
she was relaxed.

She was planning to spend yesterday
quietly, resting and practising,
before her public debut.

Her mother, Esther, a painter,
and her teacher, Louisa Joffe,
watched nervously during rehearsal.
At last night's performance was
Maya's father Yosef, a programme
analyst at the Bank of Israel, and five
members of his family who travelled
to London from Argentina, for the
occasion. Also there were Maya's
twin sister, Yifat, a cellist, and a
classmate of Maya's from the Rubin
Academy.

German banker:
Austerity is
road to recovery

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Austerity is the first
requirement for national economic
recovery, Arno von Bothmer, of the
Latin America division of the Dresdner
Bank of Frankfurt, said at the
Rotary club here yesterday.

Mexico is a case in point, and
Brazil is the next in the recovery
trend, having cut its living standards
by 25 per cent, he said. Argentina,
however, is in difficulties, mainly
because its president promised a
yearly 10 per cent wage increase,
even though he cannot possibly keep
his pledge, von Bothmer said.

From what he saw of true Israeli
economy, he said, "Israel gives the
impression of ingenuity, flexibility
and determination, which should en-
able it to weather the storm."

Industry invited to invest in energy R&D

By AARON SITTNER

Industry should help shoulder
some of the burden of financing
research and development (R&D) in
energy, Moshe Shahal, the new
energy and infrastructure minister,
says.

In an accord signed this week with
the Council for Higher Education,
Shahal for the government and
Weizmann Institute Professor Haim
Harari for the universities agreed to
coordinate energy research.

Shahal said the thrust of the R&D
will be toward alternative energy,
such as solar and wind energy. Success
in this field would not only free
Israel from dependence on imported
petroleum but could also provide the
country with a new export — energy
knowhow.

According to Shahal, local
businessmen should be invited to

invest in this R&D. He has also
begun drafting a law that would give
such investors the same tax benefits
that are granted industrialists who
establish plants in development
towns under the Law for the Encouragement
of Capital Investment.

Such legislation, Shahal believes,
could attract tens of millions of dollars
to R&D.

In a cable to U.S. Secretary of
Energy Donald Hodel, Shahal in-
formed Hodel that the joint U.S.-
Israel energy source development
agreement signed last year by Hodel
and the then Energy Minister Yit-
zhak Moda'i would continue in force.

The U.S.-financed projects here
include those in the field of solar
energy, shale-oil extraction and
other non-petroleum sources.

Kissinger urges modest Mideast goals

NEW YORK (AP). — Former
secretary of state Henry Kissinger
yesterday urged the U.S. and
Israel to seek "limited objectives" in
the Middle East and avoid "grand
projects...that we are not willing to
see through."

Kissinger's remarks were made at
a dinner of the American Friends of
Haifa University, which gave him an
award for his achievements in international
affairs.

Kissinger said "Israel's greatness
has been its willingness to do the
improbable," but that he was wor-

ried by signs that Israel is now "in-
wardly insecure...sceptical."
"I do not think Israel can survive
unless it overcomes some of the
divisions that have been apparent,"
Kissinger said.

Kissinger said with Israel suffering
severe economic problems and the
Arab world suffering from "pro-
found division," he did not believe
the present moment was a time for
"dramatic" solutions.

He urged, instead, that the U.S.
and Israel engage in "a long... pro-
found dialogue" on long-range
objectives.

William Eagleton is new
U.S. envoy to Syria

WASHINGTON (AP). — The
nomination of William Eagleton as
ambassador to Syria was confirmed
by the Senate on Wednesday night
without debate and without objection.

Eagleton, 58, is a career foreign-
service officer. Since 1980, he has
served as chief of the U.S.-interests
section in Baghdad, and has served
in Lebanon, Iran, Tunisia, Algeria
and an earlier tour in Damascus.
Eagleton will succeed Robert
Paganelli.

FLOWERS. — A million flowers
from Israel and abroad will be on
display in the 10th international
flower exhibition during Succot at
Park Hanoar in Holon. Exhibitors
from 41 countries are to participate.
As well as 370 domestic exhibitors.

FLUORIDE. — The Givatayim munici-
pality and the Health Ministry this
week began a study on fluoridating
the city's water supply. Fluoridation
is an aid in preventing tooth decay.

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A petition, Kahane contends,
that is going to the village to speak
with the women who married Arab
men and are living in the village. He
claims that he is entitled, as a
citizen of Israel, to visit any
place in Israel, except places
closed for security reasons.

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The Ministry of Health
Invites Members of the Medical Profession
to a discussion evening on the subject:
"How to Combat Smoking"

The discussion will take place on Monday, October 8, 1984
at 7.45 p.m. at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv.

Programme:
Prof. G. Baum, Moderator — Opening remarks
Mr. Shlomo Lahat, Mayor of Tel Aviv — Greetings and
announcement of a special campaign in his city
Prof. Baruch Modan, Director General of the Ministry of
Health
Dr. Ram Yishai, Chairman of the Medical Association
Prof. Haim Doron, Chairman, General Kupat Holim
Centre
Prof. Yitzhak Zamir, Attorney-General

Guest of Honour: Dr. C. Everett Koop, U.S.
Surgeon General will deliver a talk on: "Physicians
and Smoking — Responsibility for Life."

U.S. official hopes
U.S. farm exports to Israel
won't be harmed by import ban

By YITZHAK OKED

TEL AVIV. — U.S. Secretary of
Agriculture John Block said yester-
day he hoped Israel's latest curb on
imports would not affect the import
of American goods, particularly
agricultural products.

Block was speaking in a live-
televised news conference with jour-
nalists in Brussels, Geneva, Madrid,
Paris, Rome, The Hague and Tel
Aviv.

He said he hoped that Israel will
not try to put in exceptions in the list
of imported goods to be included in
the free-trade agreement. "We
understand that there might be some
goods that will not be tariff-free
immediately, since things cannot be
done overnight," Block said. The
two countries have agreed that
tariffs will be lifted gradually off

some free-trade items.

He said it is important to Ameri-
can farmers that none of the goods
exported from Israel be subsidized,
since subsidies on the Israeli side will
make competition stiffer."

Block opened the news confer-
ence with a statement of concern
over the European Market coun-
tries' rejection of a proposal they
had been working on for months for
free trade of agricultural products.

The news conference was orga-
nized by Worldnet of the U.S. In-
formation Agency as part of a pro-
gramme making it possible for jour-
nalists throughout the world to talk
to American officials.

Yesterday was the first time Israeli
journalists participated in such a
programme. The satellite connec-
tion was made at the U.S. embassy.

Travel agents puzzled by tax,
but see no drop in business

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Travel agents were still uncertain
yesterday about the ramifications of
the new Treasury regulations con-
cerning travel abroad, but they
seemed to have recovered from their
initial fear that Israelis would stop
going abroad.

Agents are not yet sure if the 15
per cent surcharge on land arrange-
ments was announced this week is
the VAT payment which was already
in force or a new payment,
bringing up the tax to 30 per cent.
The suppliers and the organizations,
such as the Association of Travel
Agents, do not have any definite
information, one agent told *The*
Jerusalem Post. It appears however,
that the government merely made
two announcements concerning the
same tax.

As for the reduction of the travel
allowance from \$2,000 to \$1,000
(and \$500 for children), agents seem
to think that it will do little to stop
Israelis from going abroad.
"An allowance of \$1,000 is more
than enough to pay for legitimate
tourism purposes, especially since
travellers can still pay for such items
as hotels and car rentals in Israel."

In any case, arrangements for Suc-
cot, the last travel season of the year,
have already been made. No large-
scale exodus can be expected until
Pessah. But, the agent noted,
Israelis still have the money to travel
abroad and they will do so.

As for the confusion concerning
the taxes, it is a headache for the
agents, but since they are responsi-
ble for their payment, at least
travellers do not have to worry about
being stopped at the airport because
of an unpaid tax.

Histadrut teachers willing
to postpone special payment

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — In an effort to help the
Education and Culture Ministry cut
costs without harming education,
the Histadrut Teachers Union
yesterday expressed willingness to
continue performing certain admini-
strative duties without pay for at
least one more year.

Basing itself on a recommenda-
tion by the Etzioni Committee, the
government has agreed to pay the
teachers for the 21,000 hours of
administrative duties from the next
school year. Yesterday the union
said it would be willing to continue
performing those duties without pay
until the 1986-87 school year.

The other teachers union, the
Secondary School Teachers Associa-
tion, has not indicated willingness to
go along with a postponement of pay
for special duties.

The 21,000 hours in question are
for administrative jobs such as co-
ordinating teaching of a subject area or
directing activities involving several
classes. These duties are now under-
taken without extra compensation.

The Etzioni Commission, which
recommended ways to improve the
status of teachers and teaching, re-
garded paying for such work as a way

to motivate teachers to accept addi-
tional responsibilities. The Etzioni
agreement — the contract between
the government and the teachers
unions detailing when and how the
recommendations would be im-
plemented — set 1985-86 as the year
in which the additional 21,000 hours
would be made available for pay-
ment.

The union's proposals will be
brought before Education Minister
Yitzhak Navon, and negotiations be-
tween the ministry and the teachers
will resume on Tuesday.

The Secondary School Teachers
Association refuses to participate in
negotiations on a one-year
emergency because its leaders be-
lieve their members' contribution to
economic recovery should be no
more than what other wage-earners
have to give.

Switch-off for Sakhnim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Israel Electric
Corporation announced yesterday that
it intends to switch off power supplies
to the local council offices of Sak-
hnam village in Western Galilee on
Sunday because of unpaid debts totalling
IS600,000 dating back to July.

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Challenger's camera to hunt ancient lost cities, icebergs

PASADENA, California (AP). — When the U.S. shuttle Challenger soars into space today it will carry a radar camera that scientists hope will detect ancient lost cities, icebergs, oil spills, and forests damaged by acid rain.

Known as shuttle imaging radar-B, or Sir-B, the device's antenna will be aimed at Earth from Challenger's open cargo bay for 50 hours during the eight-day shuttle flight. The antenna will beam radar microwaves at the planet's surface, record the echoes and relay them via satellite to earth.

Because the radar will scan about a fourth of the planet's land-mass and 5 per cent of its total surface, including oceans, it will take two years to convert all the data into black-and-white pictures, said the jet-propulsion laboratory physicist heading the 13-nation project for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The U.S. geological survey will use Sir-B to map details of ancient rivers and identify potential sites of prehistoric human habitation in the eastern Sahara.

The American researchers also will seek evidence of lost cities in the foothills of the Peruvian Andes. A Swedish scientist hopes to discover Nordic ruins from the Middle Ages on Oland Island in the Baltic Sea, while a Los Angeles documentary filmmaker wants to uncover traces of

the 2,000-year-old city of Ubar in Oman.

Radar penetrates clouds, so a Canadian scientist will scan the ocean off Labrador to determine if the radar can help locate and track icebergs, which pose a hazard to oil drilling in the area.

Japanese and West German scientists will simulate oil spills by dumping a non-polluting, rapidly evaporating alcohol in the Pacific Ocean and North Sea while Sir-B orbits overhead to see if the radar can detect man-made pollution.

The radar's findings also may be useful in exploring other planets, particularly Venus.

For example, a U.S. scientist will use Sir-B's images to study meteor craters in Canada and develop criteria for recognizing such craters on Venus.

The countdown towards Challenger's liftoff advanced smoothly yesterday. The launch is planned for 07.03 local time today.

Meanwhile, 35-year-old Soviet cardiologist Oleg Atkov, who spent 237 days in outer space is strong enough to take short walks and his crewmates are adjusting normally to life on earth, Radio Moscow reported yesterday.

Atkov performed medical examinations on his crewmates during their record space mission, which ended Tuesday when their capsule landed in Soviet Kazakhstan.

Lyon bombing blitz blamed on Corsicans

LYON, France (AP). — Seven bombs exploded early yesterday in front of public buildings, banks and a tunnel in the centre of Lyon, slightly injuring two people and causing considerable damage, authorities said.

Policemen dismantled two other bombs, in front of a bank and at the headquarters of the National Maritime Corps-Mediterranean Society.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the explosions, which were caused by plastic charges with slow-burning fuses attached to

detonators, the police said. But Corsican separatists are suspected.

Eight Corsican nationalists are being held in a Lyon prison in connection with a double murder June 7 at the prison in Ajaccio, capital of the French Mediterranean island. The eight were transferred to Lyon on August 31 for security reasons.

The strongest explosion was at a side entrance to the Palace of Justice, where an iron door of the 100-year-old building was ripped apart and stones knocked out.

Snoring may be hazardous to your health

SYDNEY (Reuters). — Habitual snorers are more likely to contract heart disease and hypertension than those who sleep silently, according to a research study by two Australian doctors.

Snoring can also cause excessive sleepiness in the day and affect sexual performance, according to the report by Nicholas Saunders, professor of medicine at Newcastle University, and Les Olson of Westmead Hospital, Sydney.

The doctors found that about 20 per cent of Australians snore, but this climbed to 50 per cent among middle-aged and elderly people.

They said there was no evidence that occasional snorers were at risk, but heavy snorers were more prone to car and industrial accidents and drinking alcohol made snoring worse.

House panel raps U.S. security

'Beirut bombing warnings ignored'

WASHINGTON. — A congressional committee declared on Wednesday that U.S. officials responsible for the Beirut Embassy failed to sufficiently heed warnings of potential terrorist attacks before the September 20 truck-bomb attack that killed 14 persons.

"This intelligence (about the threat) portrayed a situation where those responsible for security at U.S. installations in Beirut — both in Washington and on the scene — should have been on full alert and should have taken every precaution possible to thwart just such an attack as occurred," the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee said.

The findings of the Democratic-controlled committee conflict with Republican President Reagan's statement Tuesday that "there was no evidence of any carelessness or anyone not performing their duty."

a remark he made as he accepted the responsibility for the failure to thwart the attack.

The committee report also indirectly disputed Reagan's earlier suggestion that the attack could be partly blamed on "the near-destruction of our intelligence capability in recent years" — an assertion that was seen as criticism of his predecessor, Jimmy Carter.

In contrast, the committee described intelligence collection that worked efficiently and provided clear warnings of likely terrorist attacks against U.S. personnel, although never pinpointing the exact time or target.

Meanwhile, a senior administration official said yesterday the U.S. intelligence was "close" to determining who was responsible for the attack on the embassy annex, but was "not 100 per cent sure."

The official said the possibility of military retaliation has been discussed, but has encountered resistance from a number of quarters, including the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Yesterday the Senate approved emergency aid of \$110.2 million to improve security at embassies.

On Monday the House of Representatives authorized \$356m. for improved embassy security and \$10m. for rewards to people giving information about terrorists.

The State Department said Wednesday there has been a threat against the U.S. embassy in Ankara, and the mission will be placed on "an abbreviated work schedule" for the remainder of the week.

Reports that Turkish policemen had been rushed to the embassy could not be immediately confirmed.

The department said it did not know the exact nature of the threat, but made clear that after the bombing of the embassy in Beirut, no one is taking chances. (AP Reuters)

Moscow 'didn't learn much' from seduced FBI agent

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. espionage experts said yesterday they doubted whether Moscow gained much more than it already knew from Richard Miller, the FBI agent alleged to have spied for the Soviet Union.

Miller, 47, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Los Angeles office, was arrested on Tuesday night on charges of violating U.S. espionage laws by passing classified documents to the Soviet Union.

Arrested on the same charges were a Soviet emigre couple, Nikolai and Svetlana Ogorodnikovs, who were described as officers in the KGB, the Soviet intelligence agency.

In the jargon of the intelligence community, Svetlana, 34, is alleged to have been the "honeypot" who seduced Miller, portrayed as a studious father of eight with financial problems who lived on a small avocado farm near San Diego.

A pale, slight woman, she met

Miller while he was interviewing Soviet emigres, mostly Jews who had been allowed to leave and had settled in Los Angeles.

FBI officials say the case involves the first known security breach in the 76-year history of the national crime-fighting organization.

They say Miller apparently found a sympathetic ear and revealed, in what they called numerous personal meetings with Mrs. Ogorodnikova, his private, professional and financial problems.

He is alleged to have decided to supplement his \$50,000-a-year salary by selling for \$50,000 in gold and \$15,000 in cash some secret FBI documents that he promised to deliver to a Soviet agent in Mexico City.

The Ogorodnikovs, who had jobs as a butcher and a day nurse respectively, told him money was no problem, according to the FBI, which had trailed the trio and tapped their phones.

Bodies dumped in East River—in cars

NEW YORK (Reuters). — The police are dragging cars from New York's East River, thinking they may have stumbled on a mass killer's personal burial ground.

Since last Thursday the police have dredged up two cars with bodies neatly wrapped in blankets in the trunks.

Scuba divers have spotted eight more cars in the same stretch of the river not far from some of Manhattan's plushiest apartments. Four cars were hauled ashore Wednesday and the police found a human bone in one of them.

The other cars were to be brought ashore yesterday.

Detectives said the area, near a stretch of the river known as Hell's Gate, could be the dumping ground

for suspected mob hitman Edward Esposito, a nephew of murdered New York gang leader Joe Colombo.

Esposito was found hanged in a New Jersey wood last week after he was alleged to have killed New York detective Richard Snyder. The policeman's body was dumped in the river in his own car.

Esposito's death has been listed as suicide. The police said he killed Snyder after finding him with his estranged wife.

"We don't know if we have a dumping ground but the potential is there. We are going to remove all cars to be sure there are no surprises," a spokesman for the New York Police Harbour Squad said.

Ali's doctor blames boxing for illness

CHICAGO (Reuters). — Muhammad Ali's doctor said yesterday the former boxing champion's physical disorder was probably caused by the punches he absorbed in the ring.

"It seems to me that repetitive trauma to the head from boxing is a very reasonable explanation for the cause of Ali's Parkinsonism," said Stanley Fahn in an article in this week's *American Medical News*.

Ali, 42, underwent tests last month at a New York hospital. Fahn said afterwards the cause of the boxer's slurred speech and stumbling gait was Parkinson's syndrome. Unlike degenerative Parkinson's disease, the condition can be controlled.

"With standard medication he can lead a normal life," he added.

British MP meets Ukrainian father after 42 years

LONDON (AP). — An 80-year-old Ukrainian, reunited with his son 42 years after he saw him being put on a Nazi slave train, said on Wednesday, "It's as exciting as landing on the moon."

Oleksa Terlezki and his son Stefan, 56, said they were so busy exchanging life stories during the night that they had not had time to open the celebratory bottle of vodka the elder Terlezki had brought from the Soviet Union.

Wheelchair-bound Terlezki arrived in Britain on Tuesday night after Soviet authorities, having refused all previous requests to make a reunion possible, gave him a 28-day exit visa at the personal appeal of British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Stefan Terlezki, now a member of Parliament, was put on a German train carrying slave labour in 1942, when he was 14. He said his father told him "he remembers me clearly standing in the last wagon, holding onto the rail, and shaking hands to say farewell."

His mother died a year later and the elder Terlezki was sent by the Soviet government to work in the Siberian coal mines.

The younger Terlezki immigrated to Britain in 1948 with £1 in his pocket. He married a Welsh woman, built a successful business and became a member of Parliament for the Conservative Party.

Last radioactive barrel taken from sunken ship

OSTEND, Belgium (AP). — The last container of radioactive material still trapped in a French freighter that sank near here nearly six weeks ago was retrieved early yesterday, the salvage company reported.

The 15-ton barrel was the last 30 containers of uranium hexafluoride to be recovered from the Mont-Louis, a 4,210-ton French ship that left Cherbourg, France, for the Soviet Union but sank 19 kilometres from here on August 25 after colliding with a passenger ship.

The sinking caused great concern, fuelled by claims that the ship's cargo was highly radioactive. But French and Belgian government officials and experts asserted the uranium hexafluoride carried by the ship was only slightly radioactive and that the containers were tightly sealed.

Sports

Good basketball wins for both Mac. Tel Aviv and Hap. Haifa

Post Sports Staff

Maccabi Tel Aviv ignited their European basketball Cup challenge in style last night when they scored a convincing win over the Rumanian champions Steaua in Bucharest. Maccabi, who won the high-scoring encounter 114-103, should now have little difficulty disposing of the Rumanians in the return at Yad Eliahu next Thursday night and so advance to the penultimate phase before the final pool.

There was a perhaps still more impressive Israeli win on Wednesday night when Hapoel Haifa went to Greece and came away with a 77-74 victory over Ionikos of Piraeus in the opening round of the Korac Cup. Ronald Houston with 25 points and Haim Zlotnikman who notched up 22 spearheaded the Haifa attack, helping overturn a 40-35 lead at the half for the Greek team.

Spanish disasters matched by Eastern Bloc triumphs

BILBAO. — Spanish football officials surveyed the debris and counted the cost yesterday of one of the blackest first rounds of the European soccer tournaments ever. Of the six clubs in the three premier European football tournaments, only Real Madrid survived the first round in the UEFA Cup and that only thanks to a last five-goal lead they took to Austria against Wacker of Innsbruck.

Even Wacker, one of the most modest of clubs, had the satisfaction of beating their glamorous Madrid opponents 2-0 to at least salvage pride on a night when not one Spanish club won. Fans in Spain were stretching memories in an attempt to recall such a disastrous first round in Europe.

Out went Athletic Bilbao in the European Cup, Barcelona in the Cup Winners' cup, and Real Madrid in the UEFA Cup.

On the other hand there was drought in Eastern Europe as Wednesday's nights galaxy of results was topped up. Five Soviet bloc teams, led by Dynamo Berlin and Levski Spartak Sofia, moved into the second round of the Champions Cup on a night of general upsets in the three competitions.

A sixth side from Eastern Europe, Lech Poznan of Poland, were crushed, however, 4-0 by Liverpool, the defending champions of the continent's premier club competition.

Sofia, the Bulgarian champions, twice fell behind against Stuttgart in West Germany but won through on the away goals rule. The first leg two weeks ago having ended 1-1. Dynamo Berlin had to rely on penalty kicks to eliminate Icelandic Aker. The home side led 2-1 after regulation time, reversing the first leg result in Stockholm. When extra time produced no more goals, the East Germans won a dramatic penalty shootout 5-4. It was rough justice on

the Scots — winners of the 1983 Cupwinners cup — who were five minutes away from a place in the second round when Reiner Ernst scored Dusseldorf's extra 30 minutes.

Despite poor form in the English domestic league, Liverpool once again saved the best for Europe. After a first 1-0 win in the first leg, the champions cup holder trounced Poznan.

The Merseyside hero was Scottish midfielder John Wark who hit a spectacular hat-trick.

French midfield ace Michel Platini scored twice for Juventus but the Italian champions only managed a slender 2-1 victory over Finnish part-timers Tampere after winning the first leg 4-1. French champions Bordeaux did not hold on to a 3-2 first leg lead against Athletic Bilbao, drawing 0-0 in Spain for a place in round two. The referee had to be escorted away by police to escape the home fans' wrath.

Another French team, Marseille, produced the shock result of the night against mid-table Barcelona.

Metu, with little experience of European competition, were well beaten 2-4 at home in the first leg. In the return match, the French side quickly conceded another goal but hit back with four to stun the star-studded Spanish side and inflict a humiliating defeat on Barcelona's new English manager, Terry Venables.

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Among the 32 clubs advancing a stage in the UEFA Cup are Rangers, Standard Liege, Fiorentina, Tottenham, Dundee Utd, Manchester Utd, Arjans and Borussia Monchengladbach.

Tigers struggle but Cubs canter to second successive win

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Focus

David Krivine talks to former finance minister Yigael Hurvitz (below)

'We must use the guillotine'



There must be no distraction from the task at hand — the task of saving the economy

WHAT IS NEEDED right now to save the economy? "A package deal, incorporating a cancellation of the cost-of-living allowance for one month," says Yigael Hurvitz, minister without portfolio in the new national unity government.

"In return, everything else must be frozen: prices, subsidies, taxes, the exchange rate — everything. Also interest rates should be slashed, to cheapen the inflated cost of capital."

Inflation, he continues, must be halted in its tracks. This is, Hurvitz believes, the most important task facing the government. Assuming that the price-freeze begins in November, workers would be denied the November cost-of-living allowance (payable for price inflation in October). The two measures — the price freeze and the pay cut — have to go together, the one cannot be done without the other.

But the Histadrut has stated bluntly that it won't stomach any interference with the cost-of-living allowance. "I'd be ready to pass a law in the Knesset enforcing the cut in the allowance, that's how important it is," says Hurvitz.

And he goes further. The Histadrut should be persuaded to negotiate the package deal, and he expects that Finance Minister Yitzhak Mordechai will take the matter up again. "We are talking of a tripartite agreement in which all sides — government, employers and labour — make a contribution. Should the Histadrut or the Manufacturers Association refuse point-blank to participate, the whole transaction ought to be embodied in an act of parliament."

He also addresses himself to the workers. "If they don't make this one-time sacrifice, they will pay for their refusal several times over. When inflation soars to 1,000 per cent or 1,500 per cent, the workers will be very much worse off. Not only will their real wages be eroded, but more serious than that, firms will close down, which means unemployment — and not of a controlled kind either."

Is it not necessary first that the government cut its budget? "That is being done," he answers. "The cabinet has decided to reduce expenditure by \$1b. The cut should really be \$1.5b. or more — some economists recommend \$2b. So \$1b. is a minimum of a minimum, and I hope it goes through."

IN A PUBLIC opinion poll held before the present government was formed, 47 per cent expressed their preference for Hurvitz as finance minister, more than all the other suggested candidates put together. But his faction — Ometz — won only a single Knesset seat, his own. How

did he come to be a minister nevertheless? "Labour gave me a place on its list although unlike Ezer Weizman I have not joined the Alignment."

"I have in the past been minister of trade and industry, I have been finance minister — I've no further aspirations for cabinet rank. But I wanted to be a member of the economic cabinet so that I could push for the right policies. My appointment is not an expensive one. I've brought in a secretary and a driver, that's all — no personal assistant or anything else."

At this point the press-photographer who had tagged along with me and was taking pictures of Hurvitz, could not contain herself: "All the ministers and their Volvos — why this ostentation?" she interjects. "What example are they giving to the people?"

"When I was finance minister," he tells her, "I surrendered my Volvo and used an old Ford Escort instead. I thought other ministers might imitate me. Do you know what happened? They gave my Volvo to Dan Patir (then the prime minister's press spokesman), that's what happened."

Volvos aside, I remind the minister that on foreign affairs he had hawkish views to the point of denying his support for the Camp David agreement. He interrupts me: "All that I have put away in a drawer," he says, pointing to the side of his desk. "First things first — the economic problem supersedes everything else."

Is the economic situation really that bad? Hurvitz nods his head: "Leaving aside the gaping trade deficit, price inflation is running at 20-22 per cent a month, and that's mission impossible. Inflation feeds on itself, it's like — to change the metaphor — a car chasing its own tail. The spiral becomes a whirligig."

What does Hurvitz mean by using the phrase "non-controlled unemployment"? "If we don't take corrective measures the crisis will get out of hand and companies will fold one after the other. The production sector will be hardest hit. There will be many Atas," he warns (referring to the threatened textile firm).

"But if we cut our budget and negotiate the long-awaited package deal, then we can control the process

of economic recovery. Unemployment is going to rise, I think that should be said out loud, however unpopular it makes us. When the Defence Ministry's allocations are pared, the military will reduce its orders and, bit by bit, supplier firms will shed workers."

The process however can be held in check. Given that we are over-extended, something has to give, that is unavoidable. But we can at least decide where the axe will fall.

"If there are dismissals they should be in the public services, not the production branch," he says. "We have to nurse our exports like the apple of our eye." A company missing out on orders from the government should be encouraged to

find alternative outlets in the export market.

But in government services, retrenchment is essential because that is the area which has grown excessively. "We have to live within our means, there is here a principle which ought to be added to the Ten Commandments."

We have had economy drives in the past, I point out. Hurvitz comments: "Just before the elections two laws were enacted, one supplying free creches for small children, the other instituting new benefits for demobilized soldiers. How much do these expensive pieces of legislation cost the taxpayer? I don't think the sponsors who tabled the bill had any idea."

ences that included one from the noted Jewish thinker and scholar, Hillel Zeitlin, and another from the local Catholic priest, he was given a visa. What seemed particularly to impress the consul, he said, was that the invitation to come to the U.S. had been from a synagogue.

As Jews tried to escape their intolerable conditions, whole collections of legends about the granting of visas started. In one such story, a Jew, after being turned down, muttered *gam zu le'vava* ("this too is for the good"). Thinking he was being cursed, the consul called in a translator to interpret, but upon being told the meaning of the epithet granted the Jew a visa after all.

Even with his recommendations, says Starr, he had to travel to Warsaw twice, an expensive and sometimes dangerous journey, but eventually a visa was granted. In 1921, he and his family went by ship from Danzig to the U.S. It was, in his words, like going from *gehenna* to *gan eden*.

Like many immigrants to the U.S., Starr found himself going to night school to learn English, but only seven years later, after having never attended a secular school before, he received his B.A. degree from the University of Chicago. Two years later, he received his M.A. in history. He loved history and philosophy and it was a difficult decision for him to return to the yeshiva and give up what appeared to be a promising career in academia.

RABBI STARR is quite obviously aware of the faults of American Jewry, but is far from being overly critical. The Jewish community in the U.S. has achieved great merits by virtue of its support of Israel, he says, not just on the financial level, but perhaps more importantly on the political plane. Moreover, he admires the ability of American Jews to forget their differences and work together, something that he feels Israelis could emulate.

In Chicago he saw, practically from its inception, the Hebrew Theological College, for many years as the only yeshiva in the American midwest. Cast in the model of a liberal Orthodox institution, it carries a full curriculum in addition to the traditional yeshiva studies.

At the same time he served as the rabbi of a local congregation on the

"It happened in a period when we were already printing tens of billions of shekels a month. The welfare sector has been growing steadily while the production sector marked time. If we had produced more and devoted the money to welfare instead of paying our debts, I'd say alright, we may be allocating our money wrongly but at least it is our money."

"Instead of that we borrowed from the banks, we borrowed on the local market, and we printed and printed."

"If we live on what we can grab and not on our own resources, we shall never get out of the mess. When I was in charge of the Treasury, consumption per capita fell by 5

per cent. When I resigned I cautioned that we were moving towards collapse. My colleagues thought I was daft. Since that time consumption per capita has risen by 25 per cent, and we are on the brink of the precipice. People now understand what I was talking about."

The over-extended government services have to be cut back — "and not just through efficiency drives. They are necessary, of course, but that is not nearly enough. We have to reduce the size of the public sector by providing less education, fewer medical services. It's hard on everybody, not least on the civil servants who will be made redundant."

"It's not easy for men and women in their forties and fifties to be absorbed in export industries. I know that, but we have marched into a trap of our own making. This overspending cannot continue, we are obliged to pay our way. The mint where they print banknotes is not the address any more."

Will these reforms solve all our problems? "Not straightaway, but if we keep the lid down on financial extravagance, things should straighten out. Jobs will be hard to get, so productivity will rise — as it did when my policies of restraint were in force in 1980."

"Individuals will work hard so as not to lose their jobs." The days of easy-come, easy-go will be over. The nation will have to start earning its keep.

IS THE GOVERNMENT applying the necessary reforms? "I think it will, there is no choice. During the coming days and weeks we shall see moves in the right direction."

Would it not be possible to reduce the budget deficit by the scheduled \$1b. through tax increases? "That isn't the way," Hurvitz declares firmly. "The cut of \$1b. refers to outlays. Our task is to decrease expenditure, not to step up revenue. Tax collection should be improved, and shirkers should be apprehended. But the tax level is high enough already. When incomes above a certain level are subject to an impost of 66 per cent, any further increase will only reduce people's incentive to work and increase the incentive to evade their dues."

Some exceptional tax breaks may

be necessary, but on a temporary basis and as an emergency measure. More than that would be contrary to all logic. And the taxes that are applied should not be of the kind that raise prices, as does the suggested levy on inventories."

What about the proposal that instead of charging school fees, secondary education be financed in part by an increased national insurance contribution — would that put up prices? "It would; any contribution that falls on the wage-bill inflates costs and, therefore, prices."

HURVITZ BELIEVES that action must be drastic and that it must be taken without delay. "We need surgical methods. We must use the guillotine. There is no leeway for gradual measures. We have wasted enough time as it is. It's a pity that we lost 42 precious days after the elections in organizing the formation of a government. There are not many more months to spare."

"We possess a unique opportunity to get the job done. Our national coalition comprises 97 Knesset members out of 120. The government is broad-based, and the population is ready to make sacrifices."

Yet over two weeks have already passed since the government was formed and no negotiations are mooted so far for a package deal. Hurvitz is confident that the negotiations will take place, but hints at difficulties: "There is a danger," he concedes reluctantly, "that some people have their eye on the Histadrut elections next year and may try to slow things down, postponing painful belt-tightening measures until after the event."

"If reforms are held up I would suggest tabling a war-against-inflation bill in the Knesset, pushing the measures through without delay. We don't have a moment to spare. I would even consider having the Histadrut elections put off for a time, until we are clear of the predicament we are in."

"Many people will be shocked at this interference with the democratic process, but it's a measure of how grave our situation is. There must be no distraction from the task at hand, which has a priority over all other issues — the task of saving the economy."

"Let me repeat: we are at the parting of the ways. Everybody knows this is our last chance. The economy can be set on the right path — I'm sure the opportunity will not be missed this time."

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

Journey to Jerusalem

By HAIM SHAPIRO / Jerusalem Post Reporter

HE SUFFERED persecution at the hands of the Tsarist troops, danger from Communist commissars and harassment from Polish soldiers, but there is anything that worries Rabbi Selig Starr today it is the pointless hatred of one Jew for another.

Sitting in an almost bare room in the Roman quarter of Jerusalem, the elderly rabbi delves back into his past for memories. His only furniture is a study table and his many books.

It is not an easy task for Rabbi Starr, who was born in the province of Pinsk in 1896. Many of his memories are etched in bitterness and he would prefer to remember the happier times, 57 years as the head of a well-known yeshiva, Hebrew Theological College, in Chicago.

But his earliest memories are of fear. He recalls that when he was five, he was told that if he went into the street and spoke in Russian he would be killed. It was a strange sentence, in which his family lived among the Russian peasantry, were in constant communication with them, and yet never ceased to be terrified of them.

But for a time, at least, he was shielded from all this by being sent to yeshivot, first in Novogorod and then in Kovno. Both institutions followed the Musar philosophy of Rabbi Israel Salanter.

When the yeshiva moved to Minsk in 1914 because of World War I, he moved along with it. At the same time, he says, another group from the same yeshiva set up a branch in Lublin, which remained there until the massacres of 1929.

By 1916, however, the situation deteriorated too much and the students were sent home. There he studied and studied while his

mother supported the family by running a shop which sold axle grease for the peasants' wagons. They were lucky, he notes, because usually they were given food in return.

By 1917, the peasants had killed off most of their landlords while, at the same time, the battle raged back and forth between the Russian Communists and the Poles. Neither were very friendly, but Starr says that it was the Poles who were the most dangerous.

ACTING in their defence was the fact that in an atmosphere where many of the Jews had thrown off religion, his family remained observant. The Poles accepted this as proof that they were not Communists and the Communists decided that this indicated that they were apolitical.

True, he notes, the Communists had killed many of the merchants, but his family was so poor as to escape such attacks. Then he muses that the peasants would have probably killed his family as well if they hadn't needed their wares.

But again he notes that he too thought that the Communists had seemed to be an improvement on the situation under the Tsar, when peo-

ple were forced to practise the profession of their fathers. "We didn't know then about Stalin," he adds, with the killings, when every person was afraid he would be next.

The Communists did not close the synagogues officially, he remembers, but they became empty as young people became revolutionaries. In fact, he says, by going to school they proved to the Communists that they would not interfere. "It was good to be religious and poor," he says.

When the Poles were in control, he recalls, he was with his brother in the street when some soldiers came up to them and began beating them. Later an officer came to their home and asked if he could identify his attackers.

"I wouldn't identify them for anything in the world," he told the officer, "I don't want to die." Evidently the officer understood his position.

On another occasion, he was in the street and a Polish soldier motioned him to cover over. Instead, he fled and the soldier ran after him, following him into the home of a local Jew where he hid under the bed. The soldier looked everywhere but not there, he said, adding, "my life wasn't worth that," holding up a finger.

UNDER SUCH conditions, it is no wonder that he made his way to Warsaw in an attempt to obtain a visa to the U.S. The lines of applicants he says, stretched for two blocks, and many were rejected. There was the quota system, already in effect and, in addition, the Americans were afraid that they might be bringing in Communists. Because he was young, he was also suspect. But armed with a battery of refer-

ences that included one from the noted Jewish thinker and scholar, Hillel Zeitlin, and another from the local Catholic priest, he was given a visa. What seemed particularly to impress the consul, he said, was that the invitation to come to the U.S. had been from a synagogue.

As Jews tried to escape their intolerable conditions, whole collections of legends about the granting of visas started. In one such story, a Jew, after being turned down, muttered *gam zu le'vava* ("this too is for the good"). Thinking he was being cursed, the consul called in a translator to interpret, but upon being told the meaning of the epithet granted the Jew a visa after all.

Even with his recommendations, says Starr, he had to travel to Warsaw twice, an expensive and sometimes dangerous journey, but eventually a visa was granted. In 1921, he and his family went by ship from Danzig to the U.S. It was, in his words, like going from *gehenna* to *gan eden*.

Like many immigrants to the U.S., Starr found himself going to night school to learn English, but only seven years later, after having never attended a secular school before, he received his B.A. degree from the University of Chicago. Two years later, he received his M.A. in history. He loved history and philosophy and it was a difficult decision for him to return to the yeshiva and give up what appeared to be a promising career in academia.

RABBI STARR is quite obviously aware of the faults of American Jewry, but is far from being overly critical. The Jewish community in the U.S. has achieved great merits by virtue of its support of Israel, he says, not just on the financial level, but perhaps more importantly on the political plane. Moreover, he admires the ability of American Jews to forget their differences and work together, something that he feels Israelis could emulate.

In Chicago he saw, practically from its inception, the Hebrew Theological College, for many years as the only yeshiva in the American midwest. Cast in the model of a liberal Orthodox institution, it carries a full curriculum in addition to the traditional yeshiva studies.

At the same time he served as the rabbi of a local congregation on the

South Side of Chicago in an area where there is today no sign of Jews or synagogues. One student remembers an occasion on which a massive snowstorm kept virtually all the faculty away. Only Rabbi Starr, already advanced in years, made the trip which in normal weather would have taken over an hour from the South Side to the yeshiva campus in suburban Skokie. Since his arrival in Israel a few months ago, dozens of his former students have called to pay their respects.

If there is one aspect of Israeli life that hurts him it is the *sinat hinam*, the blind senseless hatred, between various groups. He especially singled out a commentary on the passage, "you should love your neighbour as yourself," which interpreted it to restrict such feelings to only when your neighbour is observant.

Having accepted a position as the head of the yeshiva of Darche Noam, a small, but select institution for English-speaking *hazrim beshuva* (penitents), he is in an especially good position to advance his own thoughts on the need for Jews to love one another.

All in all, looking back over his life, Rabbi Starr has one overriding feeling — "I am a very lucky man."



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FRIENDS of the late Simcha Ehrlich, the Likud's first finance minister, looked on with less than dissatisfaction as the current incumbent at the Treasury got back a good taste of the same bitter medicine he was dishing out in the not-forgotten past. They recall that Yitzhak Moda'i, the current holder of Ehrlich's twin posts as finance minister and Liberal Party chairman, was instrumental in causing his senior colleague's downfall.

But in-the-know Likudniks are not sure of the reason for Deputy Premier David Levy's slashing attacks on Moda'i. Their opinion divides into three schools of thought. One group peddles the obvious theory that 1981's "strong man-for the Histadrut" is rocking the national unity boat in an effort to polish his image as the working man's hero for next year's labour federation elections. But there are others who say that Levy is motivated by a desire to cut off the rebound of industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, in the race to supplant Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as Herut's Numero Uno. A third group argues, with equal conviction that Levy is doing his best to destroy the national unity coalition, and thus Shamir's prospects for rotating with Prime Minister Shimon Peres in two years time, before the Herut convention convenes next spring.

At any rate Levy has earned himself a new title - "the last socialist in the government" - from Herut Knesset colleague Gideon Gadot.

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL. The picture gallery of former ministers hanging on a wall in the finance minister's office has been reduced to six. The photo gallery now includes only Eliezer Kaplan, Levi Esikol, Ze'ev Shafar, Pinhas Sapir, Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Simcha Ehrlich. Similar photos of Yigael Hurvitz, Yoram Aridor and Yigal Cohen-Orad have been removed, apparently at Moda'i's request.

WHAT'S COOKING. Remember the late Golda Meir's "kitchen cabinet"? We now appear to have the makings of a "Peres pantry" in the works, since the prime minister revived the old Mapai custom of convening party ministers in a Saturday night forum, to sound out ideas before Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting. The meetings, designed to assure a common front at the cabinet, are being held in the PM's office at 110 Rehov Hayarkon. Wonder how Labour's allies - Ezer Weizman of Yehad, Amnon Rubinstein of Shinui, and Yigael Hurvitz of Ometz, will react to being left out.

AS PERES packs his bags for his first official visit as PM to Washington, he'll be delighted to know that political astrologer Herzi Lipshitz gives him a full two years in the premiership, forecasting new elections - and no rotation with Shamir - in the summer of 1986. The other good news found in the stars by Lipshitz is a sizeable financial recovery later this year thanks to outside aid. The bad news is the likelihood of an outbreak of fighting with Syria in November-December.

As to what the stars have in store for other countries, - Lipshitz has the interesting prediction that George Bush rather than Ronald Reagan will occupy the White House in 1985. He raises question marks over the reign of King Hussein of Jordan and the Egyptian presidency of Hosni Mubarak in the course of 1985.

U.S. AMBASSADOR Samuel Lewis gave an insight into official American thinking when talking to *Davar* Editor Haima Zemer in a once-yearly interview with a local newspaper. Speaking before he flew off to Washington in advance of the Peres visit, Lewis declared "There is no U.S. commitment to grant extra aid...beyond the \$2.6 billion given annually. But there is a willingness, even a U.S. resolution, to help Israel overcome its serious plight. We are deeply concerned about the deterioration of your economy." When Zemer wondered whether the U.S. had no choice but to come to Israel's rescue, Lewis replied: "We would like to help, but we have no overflowing financial resources."

PREMIER PERES will be flying to the U.S. with his old press aide and today Government Secretary Dr. Yosef Beilin, his political adviser Dr. Nimrod Novick and PM's Office Director-General Avraham (Abrasha) Tamir. Tamir seemed more tranquil this week, after going public last week-end in a number of press interviews with the warning: "If I'm not allowed to work, I'll walk out."

CONTRARY TO REPORTS being circulated here, we've learned that Peres will get unprecedented press coverage during his upcoming American visit. Sources on the transatlantic grapevine inform me that Uri Savir, the press consul in New York, has laid on quite a media binge for the visiting PM. Savir will also accompany the Peres entourage to Washington for meetings with President Ronald Reagan, Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State George Shultz, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other top members of the administration.

Savir has benefited from the guidance of his boss in New York, Consul-General Naftali Lavie. Lavie, you'll recall, learned the art of spokespersonship in stints with Peres (at the Defence Ministry) and the late Moshe Dayan (at Defence and Foreign Affairs). It may not be common knowledge that Lavie was a prime candidate for the post of director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, a post that went to Tamir, as part of the agreement with Ezer Weizman's Yehad Party.

Incidentally, Uri Savir is one of our few second-generation diplomats. His father, Leo Savir, is the former ambassador to Finland.

A good performance by Savir during the trip might make him a contender for the still-vacant post of press counsellor to Premier Peres. That post has been turned down by some of our top media stars - including Matti Golan of *Ha'aretz*, Peres' biographer, and Israel TV's Dan Raviv and Nissim Mishaal. We understand that the newsmen are reluctant to take the post because of its lack of long-term job security (Peres has only two more years as PM, until the premiership is scheduled to "rotate" to Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir).

THE ACTING director of the Government Press Office, Morton Dolinsky, is not planning to leave quietly. Although his contract expires at the

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Yitzhak Moda'i (Guthmann)



Yosef Beilin (Auerbach)



Nimrod Novick (Auerbach)

end of this month and the permanent appointment of Dr. Israel Peleg, to the post has been announced by the Prime Minister's office. Dolinsky has let it be known that his Herut party patron, Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, has assured him that he'll stay put. Incidentally, Dolinsky's predecessor, Ze'ev Chafetz, has asked for a further year's unpaid leave from the press office to complete a new literary project. He has just flown to the U.S. on a promotion tour on his book *Double Vision* a study of western media mis-reporting on Israel, under the University of Washington imprint.

Peleg, who is chairman of the Israel Broadcasting Authority's information committee, had a neat solution ready when Gali Zahal

commander Ron Ben-Israel urged the IBA management committee to help sports-hungry IDF troops stationed in Lebanon by augmenting sports broadcasts there. Peleg's idea: "It's simple, bring the boys home. They'll be able to hear all the sports they want."

I HEAR THAT Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon has made little headway in lobbying Peres to appoint Nava Arad as a deputy minister.

ENERGY MINISTER Moshe Shahal - Haifa's only minister - proved his worth for his city this week by lobbying for the struggling Ata workers. He has opened the first ministerial bureau in Haifa - at the Oceanographic Research Station -

and his Jerusalem office is in the hands of Edith Gurel, daughter of Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel.

I CONFESS to having failed to discover the identity of two top-level Madison Avenue PR men despatched almost clandestinely to Jerusalem by Jewish Agency board of governors chairman Jerrold (Chuck) Hoffberger. I managed to learn only that their Herculean task was to suggest how the Agency's image could be improved in Israel and overseas. A prime difficulty for them was that most of the Agency officials they were supposed to have met were off on world travels. They were fortunate to have met Jewish Agency director-general Shlomo Tadmor who spent three whole days in Jerusalem during their visit be-

tween trips to New York and London.

I'M TOLD that the NRP's Avraham Melamed was responsible for the recess-eve invasion of the Knesset Members' dining room: by child-carrying wives of the jailed Jewish terrorist underground suspects. The MKs were urged to press for special conditions for their men. Melamed helped found a committee to support the terror suspects, led by fellow NRP MK Avner Scialy and Tehiya-Tzomet MK Rafael (Rafal) Eitan.

In these belt-tightening days it would be interesting to know who is financing the expensive legal counsel hired for the boys from Tel Mond. One of the lawyers, for example, is reported to have already been paid \$140,000, and the trial has only just started.

Incidentally, the Rosh-Hashana issue of *Nekuda*, the Gush Emunim journal, carries on its front page cover a picture from 1976 depicting then-defence minister Peres planting saplings at the settlement of Ofra. Helping him is local settler leader, Yehuda Eklow, today Accused No. 2 in the terror trial.

IT WAS quite an occasion at the Va'ad Hapoel, the Histadrut HQ, with shofar blowing and other ceremony. The two chief rabbis - Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliahu - paid a pastoral visit, the first of its kind to the heart of organized labour.

The special relationship between Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kassar and the Sephardi chief rabbi was apparent to all. The festive ambience was brought back to earth by Na'amati secretary Masha Labeleky, who complained of women's sufferings in the bureaucracy of the

rabbinal courts. The two rabbis promised to improve matters.

WHILE LABOUR MK Dov Ben-Meir is bidding for the Knesset environmental sub-committee chairmanship, some of his party comrades think he should first improve the political environment by honouring his pre-election commitment to step down as acting Tel Aviv mayor if he was returned once more to the Knesset. Hatikva Quarter party branch secretary Dr. Yekutiel Shurabi has written to Labour Party control commission chairman Arye Ankorian asking why the party decision in Ben-Meir's case had not been carried out. Ankorian promised to take action. Watch this space for future developments.

THE 98TH BIRTHDAY of David Ben-Gurion is being marked this Tuesday - along with the 10th anniversary of the inauguration of Beit Ben-Gurion at his old home in Tel Aviv - at a ceremony to be chaired by Yad Ben-Gurion head Asher Ben-Natan.

Meanwhile, at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, a new board of governors chairman, Robert Arnow was installed. President of Swig-Weiler Inc. of New York, Arnow is also the son-in-law of Jack Weiler who recently had a Jerusalem neighbourhood named for him. Arnow, who has been president of the university's U.S. Friends, replaced former chairman, Baron Nathaniel de Rothschild, also now of New York.

CRM CHAIRMAN Shmuelit Aloni MK is the patron of the Rape Crisis Centre benefit premiere of the new Menachem Golan-Yoram Globus movie *Witness to Rape* on Tuesday October 9 at Tel Aviv's Shahaf Cinema. The event is being organized by the centre's committee of friends, including chairman Dr. Nitzza Shapira-Libai, Joanne Yaron, Elshava Eden, Edith Eilam and Esther Zichovitzky. The number to ring for tickets is (03) 234314.

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Pluralism: two Orthodox views

The Jerusalem Post's ARYEH RUBINSTEIN meets two rabbis with divergent views on a controversial subject.

IT IS NOT LIKELY that in the near future non-Orthodox rabbis will be granted legal status on a par with the Orthodox, wrote S.Z. Abramov, then a deputy Knesset Speaker, in 1976.

The forecast was made in one of the final pages of his book, *Perpetual Dilemma: Jewish Religion in the Jewish State*. It could be repeated today without alteration.

Interviews last week with two Orthodox rabbis indicate that the Orthodox camp itself is sharply divided on the question of religious pluralism in Israel.

Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits, for many years professor of philosophy at the Hebrew Theological College in Skokie, Illinois, sums up his position as follows:

"I am opposed to the Reform and Conservative ideologies, but the same right that I claim for myself is theirs: to express their ideology in their own way. Beyond that, I strive for cooperation and dialogue to the very limits of the various ideologies in the hope of eventually attaining unity."

Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch, head of Yeshivat Birkat Moshe, the best yeshiva at Maaleh Adumim, sees it differently:

"If the Reform and Conservative Jews want to constitute themselves as self-contained religious groups they are by all means entitled to it. They would then be free to act as they see fit, just as a Moslem imam may perform a bigamous marriage. But they don't want to minister only to their flock; they want to be my rabbi!"

BERKOVITS, who studied at the Hildesheimer Rabbinical Seminary in Berlin, says that unity is the be-all and end-all of Judaism. The differences between the three streams were produced by the Diaspora. But Judaism is essentially the way of life of a people; it can be fully realized only by a people. The supreme mitzva is to work for unity in the spirit of *Ahavat Yisrael*—love for all Israel.

Stressing his adherence to Halacha, Berkovits finds it regrettable that Halacha, as it is understood today, rather than contributing its share to the striving for Jewish unity, only deepens the fragmentation.

The quote is from Berkovits' most recent book, *Not in Heaven: The Nature and Function of Halakha* (Ktav, 1983), which last year won the American Jewish Committee prize for the best book on Jewish thought. The book might be de-

scribed as giving the halachic case for pluralism.

In our interview, Berkovits said that there are three reasons for his strong objection to any form of religious coercion. The first, paradoxically, is halacha. In the absence of a Sanhedrin, and with the abrogation of *semicha* in its original sense, no halachic authority has the right to impose its will.

The second reason he labels "spiritual." In matters of religion and conscience, compulsion is out: "You don't achieve more religious observance or more respect for Judaism this way."

Strongest of all is the ethical reason: not to recognize the Conservative and Reform streams is to treat them the way other religions and Christian states treated Jews in the course of the Dispersion when they refused to recognize the Jewish marriage ceremony.

"It is morally wrong to say, 'I don't recognize you.' It's no solution. What is needed is a responsible dialogue between the three groups, each guided by a sense of responsibility towards Klal Yisrael."

FOR THE SAKE of Jewish unity and better mutual understanding, says Berkovits, Halacha should be stretched to its limits. He points out that throughout Halacha a distinction is made between *l'chavila* (what is required initially in a given matter) and *b'diavad* (what may be accepted after the event).

Conversion to Judaism, for example, must take place before a *beit din* ("a court of law"), consisting of three persons. The three need not be rabbis, but they should be *talmidei hachamim* (talmudic scholars).

Yet, the Rambam, ruling on a convert whose motives for converting were not examined and who was not advised about the commandments that would be obligatory on him as a Jew, writes: "If he was circumcised and immersed before three laymen he is a convert."

Initially, then, a court of talmudic scholars is required, but *b'diavad* even three ignorant laymen form the "court."

So Berkovits rejects the argument of Orthodox extremists that conversion by a Conservative or Reform rabbi is *ipso facto* invalid, even if all halachic requirements are met, because the Conservative or Reform rabbi does not believe in Revelation at Sinai.

"We must look at what actually took place. If there is reliable testimony that the conversion was in

accordance with Halacha, then it's valid."

Berkovits grants that some of the teachings and practices of non-Orthodox rabbis constitute "a violation of the laws of the Torah as they are understood by the Orthodox interpretation." (That formulation itself would of course be regarded as heretical in some circles).

But he is convinced that the non-Orthodox interpretation and practice are not meant as acts of rebellion against Judaism: "Their intention may be no less *shem shamayim*—for the sake of Heaven—than that of Orthodox Jews."

BERKOVITS SAYS that conversion is one of many issues where there is a conflict between a specific law and a comprehensive Torah obligation. In this case the latter being the commandment of *Ahavat Yisrael*, the obligation to work for peace and unity.

While *Ahavat Yisrael* is not a specific commandment, it is more fundamental than any individual mitzva, Berkovits asserts.

"*Ahavat Yisrael* and *Ahavat ha-Shem*—the love of God—are the foundations of Judaism. And innumerable Midrashim tell us that we must learn to live in unity even with Jews who do not observe the mitzvot."

One well-known Midrash tells us that the "four species" that are blessed on Sukkot stand for four types of Jews. The *etrog*, which is both tasty and fragrant (has *ta'am va-rei'ah*), represents the Jews who have both Torah learning and good deeds. The *lulav*, with taste but no fragrance, represents those with Torah learning but without good deeds. The *hadass* (myrtle), fragrant but not tasty, is like the Jews with good deeds but without Torah learning. And the *arava* (willow), with neither taste nor fragrance, is like those who lack both Torah knowledge and good deeds.

But the real point of the Midrash is found in the less familiar parallel-line: "And God [in prescribing the four species] is saying: Let them all be bound in a single bundle and they will atone for one another."

Berkovits says that this is only another way of stating the concept that *kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh*—all Jews are responsible for one another. If there are Jews devoid of both Torah learning and good deeds, then all other Jews must assume a share of the responsibility and atone for their failure. And all four types, by acknowledging their responsibility for the Jewish unity, make an important contribution towards overcoming the failings of all Israel.

THE REAL PROBLEM, says Berkovits, is that nobody knows how to run a Jewish state in 1984 according to Halacha. Once this is worked out he is certain that great changes will take place in the various ideologies, which are all conditioned by life in the Diaspora. If he proves to be mistaken, and his "perhaps utopian" ideal of unity proves unattainable, the non-Orthodox groupings will still be entitled to equal rights in practicing Judaism according to their lights.

His anti-coercion position led me to ask him whether he thinks there should be religious parties in the Knesset. He does not rule them out, but he is opposed to their using their political power to force religious legislation on the non-religious.

"Judaism is too precious to be reduced to a commodity in the coalition market," Berkovits calls for "the restoration of Halacha to its original function." The Torah, he says, is eternal because it has a word for each generation. But the halachic authorities tend to take the easy way out. "They impose the word meant for

yesterday and thus miss hearing the word meant for today, for this generation, for this new hour in the history of the Jewish people."

RABBI NACHUM RABINOVITCH, former principal of Jews College, London, previously studied in yeshivot in Montreal and Baltimore and taught mathematics at the University of Toronto, where he had earned a Ph.D. He has served congregations in Toronto and Charleston, South Carolina.

He has written *Probability and Statistical Inference*, a history of probability theory, and three volumes have already appeared of *Yad Peshua*, an edition of part of the Rambam's *Mishne Torah*, with a comprehensive commentary by Rabinovitch.

Although he settled permanently in Jerusalem only a year ago, he was appointed rosh yeshiva at Birkat Moshe three years ago, and for two years he divided his time between London and Jerusalem.

What does the concept of *Ahavat Yisrael* mean to Rabinovitch?

"It is a most fundamental and basic principle," he replies. "I would be most distressed to see Reformers or any other group try to constitute themselves a self-contained body outside of Klal Yisrael."

"If they want to live with me, they should accept the jurisdiction of the competent *beit din* on the basic matters of Jewish identity, such as marriage, divorce, and conversion. And we should help them take this position by not agitating against them and urging them not to agitate against us."

Is *Ahavat Yisrael* a factor to be taken into account in applying Halacha? With respect to individual Jews who get into trouble because of a questionable divorce or the like, says Rabinovitch, *Ahavat Yisrael* tells us to treat their problem with humane compassion.

Part of the mitzva, he says, is to tell the people the truth without hurting them needlessly. And he adds that if there were less partisan recrimination there would be greater prospects of achieving wider understanding of Torah values and greater harmony.

Unlike Berkovits, Rabinovitch cannot imagine any situation in which there is a genuine conflict between *Ahavat Yisrael* and a particular mitzva.

"*Ahavat Yisrael* always justifies leniency in the fulfillment of another mitzva. But the question of where leniency is possible is not arbitrary; it is itself a legal question. Where personal hardship is concerned, one always exhausts all possibilities."

Was this true of the Agudat Yisrael rabbis who have never forgiven Rabbi Shlomo Goren for his lenient ruling, that "the brother and sister," in the famous case a decade ago, were not *mumzerim*? Rabinovitch chooses not to comment.

RABINOVITCH MAINTAINS that no coercion is involved if Reform rabbis are automatically barred from performing marriages, "if that is actually so."

Certain religious requirements must be met, in performing a marriage, and if the chief rabinate in fact refuses to examine the credentials of a particular Reform rabbi, it has ample justification.

Most Reform rabbis are so ignorant, he asserts, that it is reasonable to assume that even if they are interested in following Halacha, they don't know the rules, such as the matter of the testimony of witnesses. The burden of proof must be on them.

But shouldn't the rabinate here examine the proof? Rabinovitch agrees that it should.

He says that one of the leading Reform rabbis in the U.S., a graduate of Hebrew Union College, is unable to read—"I don't say *understand* but *read*—even vowelized Hebrew."

And even the average graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Conservative institution in New York, is unable to read and understand a page of Talmud chosen at random, something that can be done by the average third- or fourth-year student in an Israeli high school yeshiva, Rabinovitch says.

"The state has no business legislating what is a proper marriage or divorce. And the State of Israel doesn't do that. It grants every religious group the authority to work within its own confines."

But doesn't the Rabbinical Courts Law give the rabbinical courts jurisdiction in matters involving the personal status of all Jews?

"I'd support a law permitting a group of Reform rabbis to officiate at religious ceremonies—provided that their authority is restricted to their own group."

"But that's exactly what they don't want. Why do they care whether their conversion is recognized? Because they want their children to be able to marry my children. They don't want any Orthodox family to raise any objection to their legitimacy."

But if a woman who was divorced in the U.S. by a non-Orthodox rabbi

settles here and wants to remarry, why does the Israeli rabinate refuse to examine the nature of her conversion and disqualify the divorce automatically?

"Our *beit din* in Toronto always made a point—unless the divorce had been performed by a *beit din* we knew—of inquiring about the rabbis involved. The Israeli rabinate is justified in assuming that if a Reform rabbi was involved, there is a strong probability that he was incompetent. I don't know a single Reform rabbi who is interested in following Halacha even for himself."

IF AN INDIVIDUAL Reform or Conservative Jew wants to come under our jurisdiction then we can perform the particular ceremony honestly only in our way, says Rabinovitch.

There are people who don't care about rabbinical jurisdiction, he says, and they go to Cyprus to get married.

He makes it abundantly clear that, in his view, the Reform and Conservative movements can do things their way only by "reading themselves out of Judaism" or being read out of it.

Rabinovitch speaks strongly against religious compulsion. Judaism places a high value on voluntary performance of the mitzvot and its whole object is to evoke a willing response on the part of the free man. How does this high-sounding principle dovetail with the Orthodox demonstrations against Friday night cinema in Petah Tikva?

That is not a case of imposing a certain type of behaviour on the non-religious, he says. When people

live together they must take account of each other's sensibilities. Friday night performances in the vicinity of the city's Great Synagogue and the home of the chief rabbi are "an ugly provocation."

Rabinovitch is "inclined to agree" with those Orthodox critics who maintain that religious legislation forced through the Knesset by virtue of the temporary key position of the religious parties does the Orthodox cause more harm than good.

But there is no hard and fast rule, he says. Thus, on the question of abortion, he thinks that there is much more public support for imposing limits than the media would have us believe. If a referendum were held, he is convinced that a significant majority would favour close control over abortions.

WHILE THE non-Orthodox will no doubt applaud the stand of Berkovits, they should know that he has no constituency, no battalions. But his support of pluralism in Judaism—even if it does not lead to the unity that is his hope—is based on a solid underpinning of halachic knowledge.

In addition to his numerous philosophical writings, including *Major Themes in Modern Philosophies of Judaism*, he has written two major works on Halacha: *Thai b'N'suin u'y'Ger* and *Ha-Halacha: Koha v'Tafkida*, published by Mossad Harav Kook.

So far, though, the Zionist rabbis—there is no point in talking about Agudat Yisrael or the Eida Haredit—have not chosen to grapple with Berkovits' bold halachic thinking.



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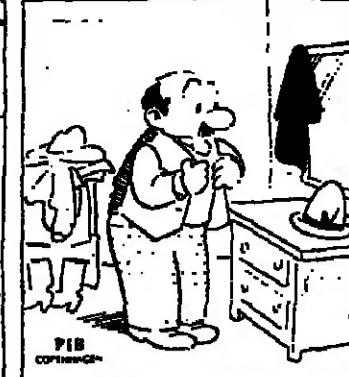
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Search for a dialogue

By ZVILPELEG

KEY POLITICAL figures in the Territories closely followed the recent elections in Israel. Not only moderates, but also many who had previously denied any difference between the Likud and the Alignment, nevertheless hoped in their heart of hearts that Labour would win. Only thus, they reasoned, could there be a thaw in the freeze that set in when the autonomy talks were halted.

The outcome of the Lebanese campaign also contributed in no small part to this sense of expectation. Before the campaign, the PLO chieftains had ruled the Territories from Beirut.

Employing a vast number of agencies and institutions, and aided by millions of dollars, the PLO had managed to pervade the day-to-day existence of residents throughout the Territories. Dignitaries became accustomed to the periodic pilgrimages to Beirut, where their intrigues against each other could be acted out, where their policies could be rubber-stamped and where the funds to fuel their institutions and line their pockets could be obtained.

The obliteration of the PLO infrastructure in Lebanon and the dispersion of its members throughout the Arab world removed the hot and heavy breath of Big Brother from the backs of Palestinians in the Territories.

At the least, the PLO no longer dictated political behaviour there, sniping away at those who even faintly strayed from the official line.

WITHOUT JUSTIFYING the continuing war in Lebanon, or the awkwardness that has come to characterize our relationship with its peoples, one thing is abundantly clear — a change of great magnitude has occurred in terms of the PLO's hold over the population of the Territories.

Briefly put, the PLO's sudden

departure from Lebanon removed the fears that many felt about expressing support for a political solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Lebanese campaign alone ensured that at the start of 1983, demonstrators would actually shout out "Yes to Camp David" and "Yes to Peace." And only after the PLO's back had been broken in Lebanon could West Bank leaders have called on Yasser Arafat not to surrender to rejectionist elements in his midst without fear of immediate punishment for such hubris at the hands of Habash and Jibril.

Arafat himself, on perceiving the strong support in the Territories for a political accommodation with Israel, twice warned — once in Tunis and again in Algiers — that the PLO's failure to heed the winds of change would result in the loss of its foothold in the West Bank and Gaza.

BUT DESPITE the war and its effects on the PLO and on the political climate in the Territories, expectations of a political accommodation, harboured on both sides of the Green Line, have failed to reach fruition. The following factors have been chiefly responsible for this:

Concurrent with the PLO's exit from Beirut, it appeared — if various utterances by Arafat and his henchmen are to be taken seriously — that the PLO was on the brink of opting for a political solution to its problem. And it was clear that such a step would effect the departure of those rejectionist elements acting at the behest of Syria and Libya.

Arafat, while en route to Egypt, negotiating in Amman and issuing

moderate statements in Tunisia, basked in a surfeit of supportive statements emanating from the Territories. Prominent West Bank and Gaza figures called on him to convene the Palestine National Council and to vote decisively for a political solution.

At the beginning of 1983, the PNC, for the umpteenth time, opted for its own continued existence over any concrete steps towards a solution. This, in the Territories, engendered disappointment and frustration.

Had the PNC opted for a political solution instead, Jordan would have assumed a central role in the subsequent process — that, in fact, was the main objective discussed by King Hussein and Arafat. And, in a singular negative response to such an outcome, the curtain went up upon the rejectionist choir, with Syrian President Hafez Assad holding the conductor's baton.

Hussein, who is already experienced at erecting political structures on the ruins of the PLO (as in 1972, when he proposed his federation plan following Black September), renewed his ambition of achieving hegemony over the West Bank at the start of 1984. When Arafat backed away in the face of opposition from his own ranks, Hussein convened the parliament representing both banks of the Jordan. The significance of this particular policy initiative lay in the implied rejection of the Rabat resolutions of a decade ago.

As he did during the early Seventies, Hussein again exploited the PLO's weakness with an eye to furthering a fundamental objective of his regime: its own return to the West Bank, with a secondary role for the PLO purged of its radicals.

OF PARTICULAR significance in this connection had been the renewal of relations between Jordan and Egypt. This symbolizes Hussein's determination to again wrest for himself a central role in the solution of the Palestinian problem and in the future of the West Bank.

Israel might well have encouraged this positive trend originating in the Territories. It was as if political figures there had set two choices before the PLO, newly floundering in its own diaspora. Those choices: to direct its goals along political lines or to accept the emergence of an independent Palestinian leadership in the Territories.

During my own discussions with prominent figures in the Territories, I received background on the recent transformation in the conceptions of the political community there.

Firstly, that community had despaired at the passive stance assumed by the Arab states while the PLO was throttled in Beirut and the rest of Lebanon. It again realized that, when push comes to shove in the Middle East, it was a matter of every man for himself — and the Palestinians be damned! They have

no one but themselves to count on.

Secondly, they are the people who are living under occupation — not the politicians engaged in power struggles, at times serving the interests of Arab rulers and, more often than not, simply swimming in the flood of funds that flow out of the wealthy oil states.

Thirdly, the PLO did indeed fulfil a vital role in Palestinian history — in its struggles it snatched Palestinians from the jaws of defeats, restored their shattered pride and gave them a measure of status in Middle Eastern society.

But clearly the military option has been exhausted and, without a shift in political direction, the burden of continuing the sterile military struggle would be borne by the people living under occupation, and by them alone.

Fourthly, they believe that if the PLO is ill-prepared to assume a political role, local leaders — fully backed by Jordan — would be glad to do so instead.

"We're already grown up," one prominent West Bank personality told me. "We have our own members of parliament, even our own former ministers. There's no question that we know how to represent ourselves."

And finally, in contradiction to the conditions endured by Palestinians in Arab states — compelled, as they are, to live according to the whim of their reluctant hosts — *dawka* here, under Israeli rule, they enjoy a modicum of political leeway. Here, they have a Palestinian press — even a radical press — and political and

economic organizations and institutions that act as they see fit.

Why not use this freedom to cultivate a leadership that will be able — when the situation permits — to negotiate on behalf of the million-and-a-quarter residents of the Territories?

Add to these factors another pressing concern among the Palestinians of the Territories: when no one else is listening, they will tell you that they are not terribly eager to come under the thumb of those "heroes" of the Palestinian revolution who graduated from the academies of Jibril and Hawatmeh. They know only too well the sordid details concerning the treatment afforded the Palestinians of 1948 by the PLO members who arrived in Lebanon during the Seventies — they were arrested, humiliated, beaten and robbed.

HOW DID ISRAEL respond to this attempt by leaders in the Territories to wriggle out of the custodianship of their PLO mentors?

Israel should have encouraged the possibility of a dialogue with representatives of the Territories, in fact, the opposite occurred.

To those intellectuals who tried to organize along the lines of an Arab version of Peace Now, the not-so-subtle message was, "Cease and desist!" New generation politicians who attempted to establish the "Democratic Movement for Peace," while challenging the PLO and formulating a new Palestinian Covenant calling for peaceful coexistence, were silenced outright.

The Israeli authorities informed them they would be encouraged only if their activities remained limited in scope to the mundane — the inauguration of new clinics, roads and kindergartens. But as for the political future of the Territories, the less

said the better.

Those local figures who accepted the advice now enjoy complete freedom in the realm of daily affairs, backed entirely by the Israeli administration and, in fact, sustained entirely by it. But those who stood their ground, demanding the right to constitute an alternative to the PLO, have been unceremoniously forced out.

They're bitter. And they've concluded that the former Israeli government did, in fact, prefer the radical leadership, backed by the terror groups, because it could then justify its policies by claiming there really wasn't anyone out there to talk to.

We, they say, the opponents of terror, the ones favouring coexistence and the ones who want to talk peace — we were perceived by the former government as a nuisance. Before the elections, we watched the polls and earnestly hoped for the victory of the Alignment.

THE QUESTION they are now asking is whether someone in the current government is willing to encourage those elements seeking a dialogue? Or will time run out and will the PLO undergo a revitalization, returning to its policy of threats and torpedoing any movement towards accommodation?

And the question Jewish Israelis should be asking is whether they themselves would create the conditions whereby a dialogue becomes possible rather than having that dialogue — preconditions, rather — foisted on them by outside powers?

Jordan's latest moves, including King Hussein's tough speech this week, appear to be tailor-made to tighten precisely those screws against Israel.

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Three weeks of failure

By YOSEF GOELL

BEING A NON-SUPPORTER of Herut and not a particularly fervent admirer of Menachem Begin, one of my main disappointments with the first government he headed as a result of the watershed election of May 1977 was that it totally failed to function as a new broom.

As Israelis, we have always tended to be mesmerized by the ideological posturing of our political leaders and to pay nearly no attention to their performance once in office.

Regardless of one's opinions regarding Begin's and the Likud's long-stated ideological positions on this and that, the least that should have been expected from them when they attained office was infusing, with a fresh eye and spirit, new blood into the top levels of politics and tackling problems on which Labour had long given up.

Nothing of the sort happened. Instead, the Likud took over a country whose previous ruling party had proved incapable of solving real problems, and which was obviously on the decline, and proceeded to run it into the ground.

Why rake up such old regrets at this time? Because in the three-week life of the new Peres government there are worrisome but glaringly obvious signs that we are being confronted with a reprise of the syndrome of 1977.

The newspapers, radio and television kept telling us what a wonderful tight ship Begin was running in his cabinet, with all the ministers even having agreed to refrain from smoking. The late Simcha Ehrlich was described rapturously as a deep thinker and down to earth businessman, who was going to get the less than 40 per cent inflation down to almost nothing under the spiritual guidance of Prof. Milton Friedman.

It took several months for Begin himself to admit to endemic *kiklulim* (breakdowns) in the workings of the cabinet, which had been leaking like

a sieve from its first meetings and which had quickly become an arena for vicious personal battles among ministers, whom Begin was unable to control.

It took slightly longer — about two years — to discover the magnitude of the economic catastrophe engineered by Reb Simcha, whose ministrations had brought about Israel's first experience of three-digit inflation. Everything since has been going downhill.

IN THE SPATE of Rosh Hashana interviews Prime Minister Peres granted to the media, he came over as somewhat philosophically remote when he referred to the serious economic crisis "in which we find ourselves."

This is about as far as one can get from the straight talk to which we are entitled from our premier in such times.

The serious economic crisis is neither an act of God nor a plague of nature; it was man-made, not so much by the populace, which has been living it up irresponsibly but delectably as long as the living was good, as by its leaders who, for their own selfish reasons, refused to put an end to the economic orgy.

It was not at all clear last March whether former finance minister Yigal Cohen-Orad would indeed manage to turn the economy around from the brink of the abyss. He had missed a golden opportunity when he came into office last October, but there were some signs that he was making good progress.

Even then, the likelihood was that a cabinet marked by political cowardice and narrow particularistic interests would have undone him in

the end. But what is certain is that the early elections spelled an end to any chance of tackling the urgent economic problems before a new government was formed.

THE LABOUR-LIKUD government which was installed in office only three weeks ago seemed to be taking over from where Cohen-Orad gave up last March, when he was compelled to take part in a repeat of Arik's 1981 election-time economics. At its first session, the cabinet adopted two foundation blocks of a painful but rational policy of stopping the economy literally at the brink of the abyss: a massive cut in deficit government spending, to the tune of \$1b.; and the conclusion of a package agreement with the Histadrut which would be based on a partial suspension of the cost of living supplements. The latter has safeguarded Israelis against the ravages of three-digit inflation but has also been a major cause of the continuing inflationary spiral.

It is generally agreed that the long-term solution to our economic ills is a resumption of economic growth, progressing with the modernization of our industrial base, and a determined coming to grips with the problem of management and labour productivity.

In the short term, however, treatment must be determined by the nature of the disease, which is protracted and ever-growing government and private overexpansion, beyond what even munificent foreign aid could cover. The short-term remedy is painfully obvious: cutting

down on the public and private standards of spending and living.

Three weeks ago Sunday, the new government seemed to be going in that direction. But since then it has suffered a major weakening of its resolve. The budget will not be cut by more than a fraction of the minimum target of \$1b.; and all hopes of a package deal for the purpose of cutting personal incomes by a suspension of the indexation of wages have been abandoned.

THE MOST APT one-word statement of the week was that made by the old-new director-general of the Treasury, Dr. Emanuel Sharon, who, when asked what is required from the government today, answered, "resolution."

What we are seeing instead is a failure of resolution and the sort of noisy confusion at the top that was so characteristic of the feeble Begin and Shamir cabinets.

The reasons and method behind the madness and confusion of the past three weeks is now clear. Prime Minister Peres and his Labour ministers refused to force a package deal on their colleagues in the Histadrut, who are faced with elections next spring.

Herut's Deputy Prime Minister David Levy opposed a packaged deal for the same reason: his own hopes of wresting control of the Histadrut from the hands of Labour in those elections.

On the matter of the budget cuts, Prime Minister Peres has, to date, simply not had the political clout or the will to force meaningful reduc-

tions on his ministers. Nor has Finance Minister Moda'i had such authority. The result has been a replaying of the comic-opera aspects of the former Likud government's repeated decisions to make similar budget cuts doing nothing whatever to implement them.

The frenetic events of the past week, which most economists believe will have a negative effect on Israel's economic situation, can be explained in even simpler terms. They are intended solely to make an impression on Prime Minister Peres' American hosts during his forthcoming visit to Washington.

There is reason to believe that such a practised economist as Secretary of State George Shultz will not buy the flummery.

For the Israeli public, which is less sophisticated, it will take longer to wake up to what is happening. It will discover after a few months that the failure of nerve entailed in keeping the cost of living agreements sacrosanct will have led to a completely uncontrollable erosion of incomes.

IT IS CUSTOMARY to grant all new governments a 100-day period of grace. Certainly it is an unreasonable custom at a time when an inflation rate of 400 per cent is being pushed up to 800 per cent and

perhaps even to more than 1,000 per cent, as a result of misguided government policy.

The verdict for the first three weeks of the 100 days must be "failure due to loss of nerve and political cowardice."

It need not be a final verdict. If Peres returns from Washington disappointed, as he should be, he will still have time to ponder whether it would not be preferable to get back on the right track.

The trouble is that, if the Peres of the Rosh Hashana interviews is to be believed, his determination to work 20-hour days leaves little time or energy for such ponderings. Maybe he should use the Day of Reckoning, tomorrow's Yom Kippur for that.

In any case, a large part of the public will be hurt. This is unavoidable. The real tragedy will be if we are compelled to suffer to no purpose.

It is imperative that as members of that public we have a clear perception of where responsibility lies. We have just lived through a government in which the prime minister and defence minister, one through abominable poor judgement, the other through bullying megalomania, were responsible for the death of close to 600 Israeli soldiers and the wounding of an additional 3,000 to no purpose.

It is the same government whose minister of finance was directly responsible for the dizzying collapse of the national economy, and who still has the *hutzpa* to sulk over being

excluded from the present cabinet.

Menachem Begin was man of conscience enough to punish himself for his failure. Ariel Sharon and Yoram Arikor are somewhat thicker-skinned. It is essential for our own political health that the names Begin, Sharon and Arikor be emblazoned not only in the fleeting record of newspaper columns but in high-school history textbooks as being personally responsible for major national calamities.

It is equally essential that our new political leaders keep these precedents in mind when they are similarly tempted to shirk their responsibilities for the basic well-being of the nation.

WE ARE MORE THAN 10 years into a new era in Israeli politics in which the former leaders were driven from office by an enraged people. This was the fate of Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan in the wake of the Yom Kippur War.

And basically, this is what befell Begin, Sharon and Arikor, though Sharon, like the late Moshe Dayan, is attempting a comeback.

Peres, Moda'i, Ya'acobi, et al. should be profoundly aware that a similar fate may well lie in store for them in the very near future if the non-policy they have chosen as an alternative to a painful but comprehensive policy leads to needless public suffering.

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Formula for action

TORA TODAY / Pinhas H. Peli

Hebrew it also means: answer, reply. When the telephone operator informs us that there is "no *teshuva*" from Mr. X, she does not mean to tell us that Mr. X has not repeated. The same applies to our relationship to the letter written to some government office. What we mean is simply that we received no reply, no response, to our telephone call or to our letter.

According to Tora, man (and woman, of course) has been created as a free and responsible being. Free to act and responsible, i.e. responsible, to defend his action, to stand behind it as a free being should. This, alas, is not the case in the early history of mankind as related in the Bible. Adam disobeys God's order by eating from the forbidden tree, and when God addresses him, calling "Ayeka, where are you?" Adam does not have the guts to come forward and assume responsibility. He hides when he hears God's voice, then shifts the guilt to the woman (this too is, as we know, a not unfamiliar trick). Eve in her turn is also not responsible. She passes the buck to the serpent.

The same situation repeats itself in the first murder in the history of mankind. Brother murders brother. Why? It is hard to find mitigating circumstances for this murder. Cain could not have had a deprived childhood or a poor education. Yet when asked by God: "Where is Abel your brother?" Cain, just like Adam his forbear, shirks responsibility: "I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?" Of course you are, if you are a truly free and responsible human

being. Then again Noah, "A righteous person in his (corrupt) generations." When told that God is about to destroy the world by flood, he does not demonstrate the slightest measure of responsibility. He enters his private "fall-out shelter," not caring that the rest of the world goes under. Throughout the story of Noah, we do not hear him utter one word. God warns him, threatens him, compliments him — and Noah does not respond at all. There is no *teshuva*, no reply.

IT IS ONLY when Abraham appears on the scene that we begin to hear man's *teshuva*, his responsibility to God and to the world around him. Twenty generations pass before we hear a human response to God's call, "Where are you?" which went unheeded. Abraham responds to God's call, saying: "Hineini, Here I am." Not once, but three times in the same chapter he repeats this answer (Gen. 22:1,7,11).

Again, "when Abraham hears his brother's was taken captive" (ibid. 14:14) he immediately rushes to rescue him. That is Abraham's response to his predecessor's "Am I my brother's keeper?" Abraham proves that a person is indeed his brother's keeper. Although Lot was not his blood brother, only his brother's son, Abraham felt responsibility for him, and did not return home until he had rescued him from captivity.

Again, when told (Gen. 18) that God is about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, two sinful cities, Abra-

ham does not rest in self-righteous tranquility, but gets into heated arguments with God in a desperate attempt to save the vicious people of Sodom. He feels responsible for them too.

Abraham thus represents the response to the three earlier historical shortcomings, those of Adam, Cain and Noah. *Teshuva*, responsibility, is what marks the life of Abraham and will avert the "severe decree" from his descendants.

Tefila, likewise, is not to be rendered only as prayer. The Hebrew root of the word *ptl* connotes judgment, and its conjugation means self-judgment. In *tefila*, a person presents himself before God to be judged for his doings and oversights. God, the "Judge of all the universe," is calling man to his duties. When man responds in *tefila*, he demonstrates responsibility.

Zedaka, the third of the three saving graces which avert the severe decree, could be rendered not only as charity, but also as justice. In Jewish tradition, acts of charity are not voluntary but the implementing of justice, the demonstration of responsibility for the poor and the deprived.

Teshuva, *tefila*, and *zedaka* — all three actually add up to one requirement, which we are reminded and called upon to fulfil on Yom Kippur: responsibility — response-ability, being able to respond to God, as well as to our inner being and to our fellow humans. Upon the successful fulfilment of those three depends the final sealing of our decree for the coming 12 months, the *hatima tova* for a good and happy year.

The Tora reading for Shabbat, Yom Kippur, is from Leviticus 16 and 18. The Mishna is in *Tractate Yoma* 67a and the book of Jonah. Rabbi Peli is professor of Jewish thought and literature at Ben-Gurion University.

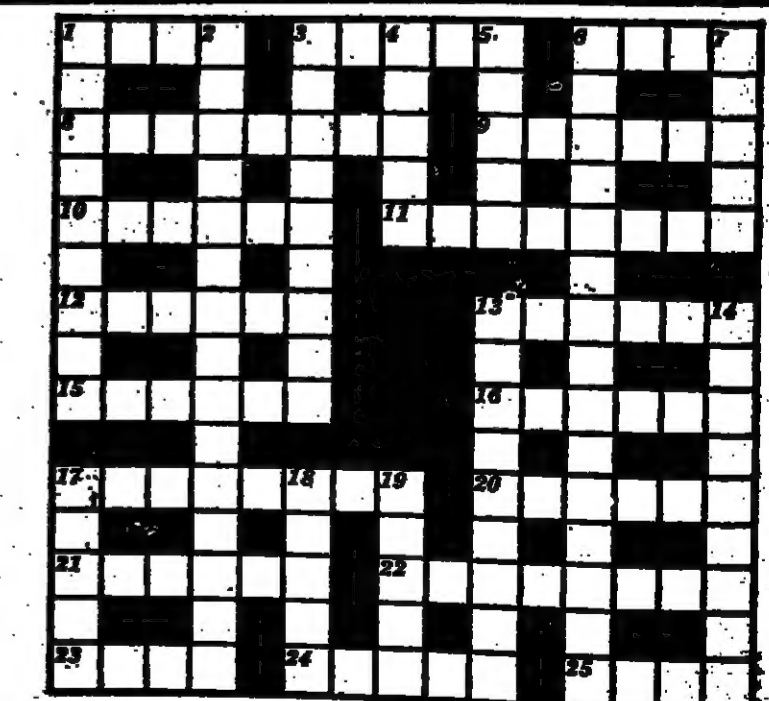
TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Those who want drink to turn them on! (4)
- Book monks found in it (5)
- Walk through the garden! (4)
- They were against the Crusaders going to The Holy Land (6)
- Love to keep a small picture of one in here (6)
- Put wire round these tools (6)
- It's hard to see the point of living in such a location! (6)
- Earn one to survive—quick! (6)
- Ship in a bottle of this? Schmeer, perhaps (6)
- Art? The new one is a danger (6)
- Some of the goldenrod—once—smell! (6)
- Found the way to produce metal like this (4-4)
- Sort of drum that whistles, maybe? (8)
- Undesirable to send one to home like this! (6)
- Had help from the doctor dressed in white afterwards (8)
- Old means of measuring the fish they catch (4)
- Drops in here, the gardeners' work-places (5)
- Tax that's paid as moral or legal obligation (4)

DOWN

- One who tries to fly? Quite the other thing! (4-5)
- Give orders, but only in play (5, 10)
- It's an inadvertent error, destroying this grove (6)
- Records their shape (5)
- Venerated, we hear, apart from the saints (5)
- View the muslims bringing it! (7, 8)
- Horrible death—it's regarded with abhorrence (5)
- How down the legs, from top to bottom! (8)
- Now, it will be arriving tomorrow, won't it? (9)
- Detectives take the Queen a drink (5)
- Years around getting money for the Borough Treasurer (5)
- Good for Frenchmen to rise and back up the Spanish; very lefty (5)



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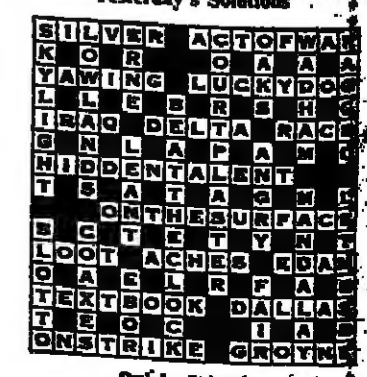
ACROSS

- Musical group (4)
- Schemes (5)
- Goes on one leg (4)
- Views (8)
- Very small wave (6)
- Remove from writing, etc. (6)
- Thought provoking (8)
- Fired from bows (6)
- Mother, or father (6)
- Made noise like a snake (6)
- Sign (6)
- Musical instrument (8)
- Accompany another (6)
- A quick look (8)
- Quite nicely (8)
- Bip (4)
- Prophecy (5)
- He holds a party (4)

DOWN

- Mass slaughter (9)
- Priestley play (9)
- Prepared, as peas (9)
- Desert water-hole (5)
- Length of leather (5)

Yesterday's Solutions



Quick Solution

- Across: 5. Quire, 8. Practice, 9. Slave, 10. Dogmatic, 11. Wren, 12. Not, 13. Unsettled, 14. Commend, 15. Wren, 16. Bristle, 17. Abruptly, 18. Answer, 19. Beret, 20. Trench, 21. Streak, 22. Cider, 23. Spade, 24. Car, 25. Streak, 26. Cider, 27. Unsettled, 28. Reviewer, 29. Extra, 30. Rubber, 31. Trench, 32. Trench, 33. Beret.

Money Matters

Shares weak; bonds up: volume low

Another lackluster day's trading yesterday rounded out a week of dull, boring and simply tedious activity on the stock exchange.

General features are quickly summarized: Low volume, no public participation and most shares and bonds drifting aimlessly, with shares moving mostly lower while bonds made some progress to the upside.

Against this background, the few interesting developments stand out all the more clearly. The weekly statistics for the share market show the General Share Index at 3,423.64, up 0.38 per cent.

The gains were all concentrated, then, in one small but important sector—the "arrangement" group of bank shares.

These shares, perhaps celebrating the first anniversary of the dramatic, and by now infamous, collapse of the "old-style" bank shares on October 6, 1983, put on no less the 13.88 per cent in the course of the week.

It is well in excess of even the most pessimistic inflation expectations for some weeks in October and also considerably ahead of the 6 per cent target set for the week.

Even after these gains, the yields on the bank "share/bonds," using the October 1988 redemption date, are in the region of 16-17 per cent and still very high.

There is one other sub-sector that stands out in the list of the week's moves. This is the food division of the industrial sector. Here, it was not a group of shares that caused the move, but one single issue—that of Elite.

Thus, while the food group added more than 24 per cent on the week, Elite shares zoomed ahead by a clear 50 per cent, moving from 5280 to 7890.

The explanation for this phenomenon is unclear. The latest government moves to restrict imports of chocolate, for example, will undoubtedly benefit Elite, but the

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

Share	1986.2m.	1983.8m.
Advances	112	112
Declines	28	28
of which 5% +	63	63
"Buyers only"	11	11
"Sellers only"	12	12

Apart from the bank shares and utility, as noted, the rest of the share market was featureless. The bond market, likewise, lacked any form of interest, although on the last two sessions of the week bonds managed to make gains of about 1.5 per cent daily, and thus regain some of the

Spineries op.	22	-6	-21.4%
M.G.N. op.	35	-15	-42.9%
Interpump op.	35	+8.5	+24.3%

of the fire at the firm's plant on April 5, 1983. In total, Vitalgo has received \$3,655,000 and the company noted that, since it was fully insured against fire and loss of profits, it suffered no damage or losses as a result of the fire.

Technological Resources informed the exchange that on October 2 the company received a judgment in the case brought against it and Trading Resources, whereby the two companies were obliged to pay to the claimants IS488,200, plus legal and interest from September 3, and costs of IS700,000.

The claim against the company stems from its guarantee to Trading Resources concerning the sale of shares of Ararat insurance company to Trading Resources. Technological Resources claims that this guarantee had lapsed by the date in question.

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Bond Index	342.93	+1.62%

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Totals	152000.8m.
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